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Unions admit campaign 'a flop'

Teachers plan to call off all school strikes

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The two biggest teaching unions are to call off their joint campaign of half-day strikes in selected areas of England and Wales.

Leaders of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers will announce the decision on Monday, to take effect from the end of next week.

The decision has been approved by the leaders of the NUT and is expected to be ratified by the executive of the NAS/UWT when it meets in Birmingham tomorrow.

Although the leaders of both unions will claim that the strikes are being suspended only until after the election, they admit privately that the campaign has been a flop. It will not be relaunched.

The news that the campaign is to be abandoned was welcomed last night by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science. "These strikes were always unjustified and they should not go on for a day longer. I regret that they will continue next week but I hope that will be the end of it.

"Our children have rights too and I hope that they can now look forward to enjoying their right to uninterrupted education."

The decision was also welcomed by the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations, which speaks for more than four million parents.

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The two unions, which represent three-quarters of all classroom teachers, launched their campaign nine weeks ago after conducting a joint ballot of 300,000 members.

The overwhelming majority of those who voted declared that they were prepared to strike indefinitely in protest against the removal of their negotiating rights and Mr Baker's decision to impose a pay-and-conditions deal.

In the next two weeks, millions of pupils were affected by a round of half-day strikes that affected nearly every school. The strikes were accompanied by marches and rallies which attracted a good deal of publicity.

After that, however, the disruption was confined to selective half-day strikes by a limited number of teachers in 10 or 12 areas a week. The unions claimed they were "digging in for a long campaign" but public attention rapidly faded.

At the unions' conferences at Easter, militant teachers argued that the action was becoming ineffectual. They tried to have it intensified but were defeated.

Yesterday, union leaders said privately that they thought the campaign had failed because it was "pitched too low". On the other hand, they admit that members do not seem to have the stomach for an all-out confrontation.

The analysis confirms the conclusion that Mr Baker arrived at months ago. He predicted that the strikes would peter out when teachers realised what the 16.4 per cent pay deal would mean to them. Most will find backdated rises worth between £350 and £600 in their pay packets at the end of this month.

The news came on the day that Mrs Thatcher promised that plans to be unveiled in the Conservative manifesto next week would herald a "revolution" in schools. She said an extension of parental choice would be the "major breakthrough".

Ministers are convinced that the way is clear for them to make education a vote-winning issue.

With teachers' strikes out of the way, they believe most schools will want to settle down to making the best they can of a comprehensive programme of reforms. It includes devolving more power to heads and governing bodies, freeing them of local authority interference and encouraging them to show how well they can perform.

Most teachers, too, are likely to breathe a sigh of relief. Loyalty to their unions and some dismay at being deprived of their negotiating rights has led them to assume a militant stance.

But few relish taking action which they know damages their pupils, particularly in the summer term.



Townsend challenged on figures

The judge at the Herald of Free Enterprise inquiry yesterday challenged the ability of Townsend Thoresen to keep track of the number of passengers the ship carried.

Mr Justice Sheen said the manifest of a crossing from Dover to Boulogne last autumn showed 1,067 passengers, but the number of arrivals was recorded as 1,200.

He asked if manifests could be altered, how was it possible to rely on the number of 463 for the number of passengers believed to have been on the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Mr Anthony Young, ports operations director for Townsend Car ferries, said there was no sinister intent ..... Page 3

Thatcher takes time out

Mrs Thatcher takes time off from election planning with Mr Norman Tebbit, her party chairman, to meet Clare Lacey, aged 12, to whom she gave a guided tour round Downing Street.

Clare also received a cheque from the Prime Minister for £2,540, on behalf of the Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied association.

She was among several people who received cheques on behalf of 22 charities at a presentation ceremony at No 12 Downing Street

Photograph: John Rogers

Tory success with Scottish rates Bill

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government last night secured the passage of its legislation abolishing the Scottish rating system and replacing it with a community charge, or poll tax.

It brought down the guillotine to loud, ritual protests from the opposition parties after a three-hour discussion on the Bill, which ministers regarded as the most vital of those they wished to push through before the election.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher will now be able to tell the Scottish Tory Party conference in Perth tomorrow that the Bill has received the Royal Assent and that the Government has fulfilled its promise made this time last year to tackle the Scottish system.

Its passage is all the more important for Mrs Thatcher because it is the precursor of a Bill to be promised in the Conservative election manifesto to bring in a similar system in England and Wales.

With MPs preferring to make for the hustings, the Government is having little difficulty clearing its legislative decks. Today the emasculated Criminal Justice Bill, now containing only the proposals to tackle City fraud, will be passed.

Labour spokesmen are seeking it with a community charge, or poll tax a key issue in the campaign.

Mr Donald Dewar, the Labour spokesman on Scotland, said the propriety of forcing the Scottish rates Bill through by "a last gasp guillotine in the dying days of a parliament" had to be questioned in the light of the depth of opposition to it.

Earlier Mr Jack Straw, Labour's environment spokesman, tried to obtain an emergency debate on the poll tax.

He said all local authority associations had criticized the Bill which would hit those on low incomes, widen the north-south divide and aggravate inner-city problems.

In other electoral developments yesterday, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, gave a pre-election rallying call to Labour MPs. He said that Labour would be working for power to implement policies to "make Britain fit for the future".

Barbie quits Lyons trial in surprise move

From Michael McCarthy, Lyons

The trial of Klaus Barbie was turned on its head yesterday when the former Gestapo officer withdrew himself from the proceedings, claiming he had been kidnapped in Bolivia and brought to France illegally, and that a "lynching" campaign was being directed against him by the media.

He was taken back to his prison cell and the trial will continue without him.

His disappearance, which seemed to take the prosecution and the court by surprise, upstages his accusers, who will now neither have the chance to question him closely about his alleged career of torture, deportation and execution, nor to confront him face to face with victims who survived.

Mme Beate Klarsfeld, the German-born "Nazi hunter" and wife of the leading prosecuting lawyer, Maître Serge Klarsfeld, and the woman who tracked Barbie down to his South American hiding place in 1972, said: "He was a killer. And he is now describing himself as a victim. This is a terrible affront to his victims."

For the next eight to 10 weeks Barbie will remain in Lyons' St Joseph Prison, while he is tried for the third time in his life in absentia for what he did as chief of the Gestapo in Lyons. French courts sentenced him to death in 1952 and 1954.

His withdrawal provoked outrage amongst the prosecution lawyers, and gave rise to the strong suspicion that its real author was Barbie's counsel, Maître Jacques Vergès, although Maître Vergès denied it. "This was Barbie's own idea," he told *The Times*.

But in Maître Vergès' last major case, his defence in Paris of the convicted terrorist Georges Abdullah, his client made an identical withdrawal. Barbie's leaving the stage free will mean his trial becomes the Vergès trial, as the left-wing barrister pursues his stated intention of putting France herself in the dock by examining alleged French torture in Algeria.

But none of the prosecution counsel insisted that Barbie be brought back by force, as the French penal code permits, and his request to withdraw was granted by the three judges after a recess.

Barbie's request to leave the dock came at the end of two hours of questioning by the judge, M André Cerdini, about his life. He asked if he could make a statement, put on a pair of half-moon spectacles, and read aloud: "I would like to say to the judges,

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Missing Contra funds handed over by Swiss

By Our Foreign Staff

A Swiss businessman yesterday turned over to the judicial authorities the $10 million (£6.2 million) which had been destined for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels but was mistakenly deposited in his account, a Geneva investigating judge said.

Judge Vladimir Stemberger said that the account was frozen last Thursday after the Geneva businessman revealed the account number during questioning and handed over bank records.

The money, allegedly donated to the Contras by the Sultan of Brunei, was transferred to a Geneva bank last August, but instead of being credited to the account of a front company, as intended by one of the key figures in the Iran-Contra affair, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, it turned up in the businessman's account.

According to the Swiss Justice Ministry, a lawyer and an accountant appointed by the United States Senate had visited Switzerland last week to track down the missing money.

Judge Stemberger said that the businessman, aged 60, wanted to remain unnamed because he was "mixed up in the affair purely by accident".

However, the $10 million, plus $253,000 interest, remains frozen, as ordered a week ago by a Geneva investigating magistrate after legal representations by the Credit Suisse bank, which held the deposit.

●WASHINGTON: Mr Robert McFarlane said yesterday

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Alfonsín halts rights trials

President Alfonsín of Argentina announced legislation which will bring to an end the so-called "Dirty War" trials of officers below the rank of lieutenant-colonel on the ground that they acted on orders they could not disobey. The move is another effort by the Argentine President to calm the deep discontent within the military .... Page 7

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The Alliance goals

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel yesterday unveiled an historic package of constitutional reform as the centrepiece of the Alliance's general election appeal.

The two leaders said that while social issues like unemployment, housing and education were likely to dominate the campaign, fundamental constitutional change was the essential prerequisite for tackling them.

Such change was, said Dr Owen, "the core issue of British politics", and would be the basis on which the Alliance would negotiate with the other parties in the event of a hung parliament.

The two men unveiled an outline of what they are calling a *Great Reform Charter*, described by Mr Steel as "the most comprehensive overhaul of the way this country has been administered and governed for more than 150 years".

It includes commitments to:

● The introduction of proportional representation for all national, local and European elections;

● The repeal of the Official Secrets Act and its replacement by Freedom of Information legislation giving access to most official information;

● The incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law in a Bill of Rights;

● The introduction of fixed term parliaments;

● The devolution of power to a legislative Scottish Assembly, the creation of a Welsh Senedd, and greater autonomy for the English regions;

● Reform of Whitehall to improve the responsiveness of government to the needs and wishes of the people;

● Reform of procedures in the House of Commons;

● Reform of the House of Lords, with peers from the regions replacing a number of hereditary peers.

The *Great Reform Charter* will form a substantial part of the Alliance manifesto, which party managers are hoping to rush out on Monday ahead of Labour and the Conservatives, and over the next three days Dr Owen and Mr Steel will be touring the country giving regional press briefings on their plans for devolution and greater regional autonomy.

In a joint statement yesterday they said they aimed "to convince the country that no matter who is elected it is impossible to tackle our underlying problems with machinery that is antiquated and irrelevant to those problems".

Put that machinery right, said Dr Owen, and the benefits would radiate outwards.

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Dr Owen and Mr Steel yesterday announcing the key factors in their election strategy. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Polls back election decision

The first two opinion polls published since the general election was called show the Conservatives with a lead which, if maintained to June 11, will fully vindicate Mrs Thatcher's decision to risk an election a year before she had to.

A Gallup poll, published in today's *Daily Telegraph*, and including sampling up until Monday, showed Labour in third place and the Alliance in second.

Gallup's figures, on a sample of 1,085 were: Conservatives 39 per cent, SDP/Liberal Alliance 30 per cent and Labour 28 per cent.

The Gallup figures, if reproduced on a uniform swing, would give the Conservatives a majority of 36, with 345 seats, 235 for Labour and 50 for the Alliance.

A Marplan poll published in today's *Guardian* puts support at Conservatives 43 per cent, Labour 29 per cent and Alliance 25 per cent.

'Legion' disease checks

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists are testing the air conditioning and water supply at Charing Cross Hospital, London, for signs of Legionnaire's disease, which two kidney transplant patients have contracted in a special renal ward.

When patients developed symptoms of the disease on Tuesday, experts were called in from the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, at Colindale, north London. While they are conducting tests, new patients for transplants are being referred elsewhere and the two infected patients have been moved

But the outbreak appears confined to the seven-bed renal department, which is a self-contained unit

Mr Peter Droog, the hospital's general manager, said: "There is no reason at this stage to think the disease has spread to any other part of the hospital."

Aids drug 'ban' prompts pledge of extra funds

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government yesterday reacted swiftly to reports that Aids victims in London were being denied the life-prolonging drug AZT by saying that an announcement of additional funds – around £1.5 million – was imminent.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, questioned on the reports by members of the all-party social services committee, said AZT was very expensive and "in recognition of that and to give a breathing space to the three Thames regions I very much hope I may be able to help in the next few days."

He said he believed all patients who needed AZT were getting and would continue to get it, but admitted that its rapid release onto the market had caused problems because health authorities had been unable to plan ahead.

An average course of AZT treatment costs £5,400 per patient.

A ban on the dispensing of AZT was disclosed in a letter to hospital pharmacists from Bloomsbury District health authority which estimated the annual cost of the drug at between £700,000 and £1.5 million.

It said that as this expenditure would mean serious reductions in other services it had been decided that "we should not take up our allocation of AZT until adequate additional funding has been identified; i.e. Retrovir (AZT's trade name) must not be purchased".

Mr Fowler has been asked for an extra £650,000, but doctors at the Middlesex Hospital in London, who have 120 patients in need of the drug, have been told meanwhile to stop buying it.

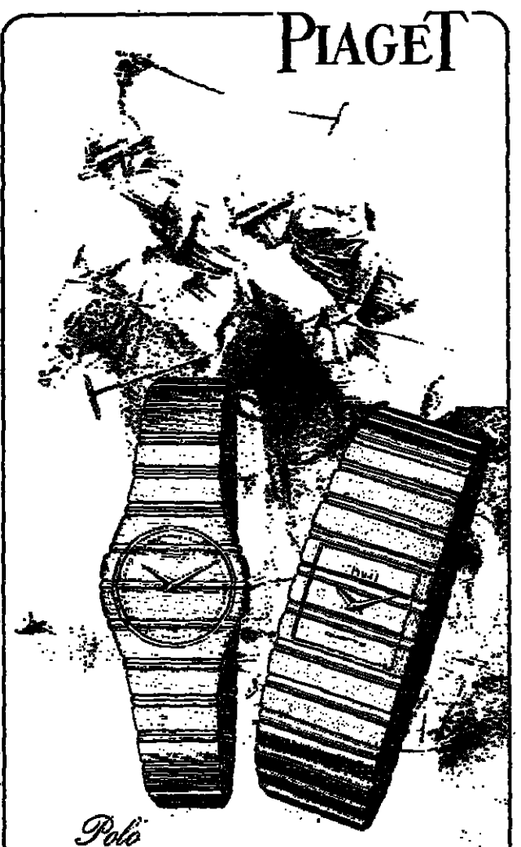
AZT is still being prescribed at St Stephen's hospital in Chelsea and St Mary's, Paddington, in the hope that the extra funds can be found.

● The Middlesex Hospital, one of the country's main Aids centres, has been allocated enough of the life-extending drug AZT to treat 120 patients a year from a limited supply of the drug made by Wellcome (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Last night the Department of Health said that it had received representations from the Middlesex and that the matter would be discussed by Bloomsbury health authority at its next meeting, in June.

● A free needle exchange service to stop the spread of Aids among drug users has been set up in high street chemists in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Steep increase in mortgage debts

There has been a sharp increase in the number of households facing severe debt problems in Britain in recent years, according to the Bank of England.

Many families are having to devote more of their income to paying interest on debts than at any time in the past 20 years. As most of the debt is incurred by younger households the problems are concentrated there.

The bank's Quarterly Bulletin says that the numbers of home owners in arrears on mortgage payments have risen steeply during the 1980s with about 2.5 per cent of all mortgage holders in 1985 thought to be behind on payments by at least three months.

The rise in debt is attributed in large part to the Government's policy of selling council homes to tenants, and the removal of credit controls.

Repossessions of homes, although those accounted for less than 0.25 per cent of all outstanding loans in 1985, were at nearly seven times the level for 1979.

Last day for Day



Sir Robin Day is to present *The World at One* on Radio 4 for the final time today.

Sir Robin, who has presented the 40-minute news and topical affairs programme three days a week since January, 1979, is leaving to take part in election coverage for BBC television and radio.

After the election, he is planning to take a break, returning to present the party conferences in the autumn. No permanent replacement for Sir Robin has been named.

Jaguar alert

Jaguar is recalling nearly 5,000 XJ6s, Sovereigns and Daimlers because of problems with the braking system in its new saloon. Owners will be urged to make appointments with their Jaguar dealer to get brake power boost systems modified.

Jaguar said that there had been isolated incidents of debris in the hydraulic circuits of the boost system causing loss of power assistance to the brakes. "There is no danger to the public."

The company says the fault would not affect the XJ6 in the United States where it was launched last week, because they were already fitted with a modified system.

Guide for students

Up-to-the-minute information about vacancies in universities and polytechnics will be available by computer this summer to thousands of young people whose original applications have been unsuccessful (Our Education Correspondent writes).

***The Times Network Systems* and Prestel will provide the details students need to match their qualifications to the latest course vacancies.**

The service, which starts on August 18 and will be updated daily until the end of September.

Rail link go-ahead

A Bill giving British Rail permission to link Liverpool Street and Stansted airport, Essex, with a new £40 million high-speed train service is to receive Royal Assent on Friday.

Building work should start later this year with a 5.6 mile spur line running from Bishop's Stortford to the new £290 million terminal taking shape at the airport. The line will pass through a mile long tunnel. When it is completed it will enable eight million people a year to travel from Liverpool Street to Stansted in around 40 minutes.

Police 'sent like recruits to war front'

By Stewart Tendler and Craig Seton

Young policemen are sent out to face the front line of Britain's streets like inexperienced recruits to battle, Sir Lawrence Byford, retiring Chief Inspector of Constabulary, said yesterday.

Sir Lawrence, speaking at the annual conference of the Police Mutual Assurance Society in Bournemouth, said: "I feel sorry for the difficulties faced by young policemen. They are in the front line in less than three years.

"I wonder if we really do enough for them. It's almost like waving them off when we were in the Second World War", he said.

Sir Lawrence was addressing the conference as the outgoing president of the association. He told delegates that the police must have the weapons and equipment they need to do their job.

He was pleased that the Home Secretary had overridden attempts by police authorities to block purchase of riot equipment and issued it direct to police.

He also pointed to public order difficulties and attacks on police as the problems that worried him most.

Sir Lawrence said he accepted that the public wanted more men on the beat: "We must never forget the customer and what they want".

More ways must be found to save police manpower from unecessary tasks, he said.

● West Midlands police yesterday proclaimed the success of a pioneering scheme which has given the force a higher percentage of recruits from ethnic minorities than any other in the country.

The force now has 135 officers of Afro-Caribbean and Asian origin, representing nearly 15 per cent of the 953 ethnic officers in England and Wales.

Although the figures still represent only 2 per cent of the force strength of more than 6,500, it is ahead of the Metropolitan Police (1.3 per cent), Greater Manchester (1.02 per cent), Merseyside(0.55 per cent) and Leicestershire (1.7 per cent).

Mr David Knight, Assistant Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said yesterday that the results were due to an intensive "street to street" recruiting drive inareas with large ethnic minority populations, and an "access course" which gave failed applicants a second chance.

The 20-week course, organized in conjunction with Nottingham University, was for white and ethnic minority recruits.

●Scotland Yard said yesterday that firearms experts had tested a new British dart gun but there were no plans to introduce the gun for use against human targets

MPs attack 'wasteful' defence management

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence is wasting millions of pounds a year through poor management of its huge estate, the public accounts committee said yesterday.

In a critical report, the all-party committee spoke of "the tremendous scope for obtaining better value for money from the resources employed in the defence estate and the failure of the existing management structure to ensure that such possibilities are promptly exploited".

The greatest savings could be achieved through the sale of surplus land. A recent survey found that half of the most valuable sites on the 222,000-hectare estate, valued at £6,900 million, were significantly underused and that there was great scope for more intensive use and lower running costs.

The committee notes that the MoD is moving towards systematic reviews of land holdings but says that at the present rate of progress it will take many years for full savings to be achieved and was unsatisfactory.

More radical solutionswere needed. Enormous potential savings would only be realized if there was a positive strategy adopted.

The report notes that the MoD is undertaking a series of reviews in an attempt to remedy inefficiencies but it says that these are largely unco-ordinated and *ad hoc*.

"We were struck forcibly by the fragmentation of responsibility and accountablity implied by the complexity and unwieldiness of the management structure, which involves the Property Services Agency, MoD, all three services and the Procurement Executive."

It calls for the creation of a central management body within the MoD with real management power, and a formal strategic plan with clear objectives to overcome these inefficiencies. "We recommend that the MoD should give serious and urgent consideration to this possibility."

● The all-party defence committee told the MoD yesterday that it must be told of top secret defence projects such as Zircon.

It said in a report that it did not accept that "there should be a category of defence projects for which money is voted by the House but whose very existence may not be revealed to the committee specifically charged with examining defence expenditure".

The committee, chaired by Mr Michael Mates, the Conservative for Hampshire East, accepted that such projects needed to be kept secret for reasons of national security but proposed that the chairman and two other specified members of the committee should be told of them.

Committee of Public Accounts: Control and Management of the Defence Estate (Stationery Office; £3.90).
Defence Committee: Expenditure on Major Defence Projects: Accountability to the House of Commons (Stationary Office, £4.70).



Joan Carlyle, the British soprano, admiring a bronze portrait bust of Maria Callas, with whom she sang in London in 1959, at an exhibition yesterday at the Royal Festival Hall to mark the tenth anniversary of the diva's death in September 1977. The bust, by Faith Winter, will go on to Athens and Los Angeles (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Court sentencing

Prosecution appeals pledge

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government is expected to redraw its widely-criticized proposals for tackling lenient sentences if it wins the election to enable Court of Appeal judges to increase sentences.

The latest criticism has come from the Prime Minister in an interivew with the editor of the *Daily Mail*, in which she makes clear that she favours a prosecution right of appeal which could lead to sentences being increased.

That proposal was opposed by lawyers when canvassed by the Government, she says. In the end it came down to the feeling of ordinary people against the legal profession, "the lawyers in the Commons and the Lords", and the legal profession had won last time.

"But I am going to come at that again", she says. "I am just not going to leave that alone."

Repeating comments she made to the American Bar Association, she says: "If judges give lenient sentences, all they are doing is undermining the people's confidence in the rule of law. That's what I believe and there's going to be a lot more discussion about it."

In the light of the criticisms, Home Office officials are already looking at the original proposal under which the Court of Appeal would be able to review lenient sentences and make general comments of principle, but not increase them.

Although this passed through the Commons, it is likely to have been thrown out of the Lords. Lord Campbell of Alloway, the Conservative peer, had tabled an amendment deleting the clause from the bill.

Outside Parliament the Government's proposal was oppposed by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls.

The rump of the Criminal Justice Bill comes back to the Commons today with Royal Assent expected on Friday.

Officers facing assaults inquiry

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard and the Police Complaints Authority are investigating policing in the Notting Hill area of west London. More than 250 officers are being questioned and 17 incidents investigated.

At the heart of the investigations are allegations of tension between police and the local West Indian population in an area which saw serious rioting during the carnival 10 years ago. There are claims from the community of ill-treatment at the hands of young officers said to be nicknamed "the black watch".

The 17 incidents involve 20 officers in a number of cases, including a serious alleged assault last week on a local man, Mr Michael Campbell; an alleged assault on a Moroccan prisoner at Notting Hill police station; three other alleged assaults and claims that drugs were planted on prisoners.

After allegations were made last year in television programmes, the Yard asked the complaints authority to oversee a general survey of policing. All officers who have served in the area since 1985 have been asked to fill in a questionnaire and whether they had witnessed any incidents at Notting Hill police station.

The complaints authority said yesterday that the questionnaire was intended to get a picture of attitudes.

Police have been maintaining a special operation in the All Saints Road area for a considerable time, with a special presence to cut down the possibility of trouble and build up rapport with the community.

Mr Frank Critchelow, founder of the Mangrove Community Association in All Saints Road, said yesterday that there were cases where the police were provocative.

IRA defy police at funeral

By Richard Ford

The Provisional IRA defied the Irish Republic's police yesterday by giving a dead "volunteer" a masked khaki-clad guard of honour on the streets of a border town.

Thousands of mourners cheered and clapped as nine men and two women in paramilitary uniform saluted the coffin of the last of the terrorists killed at Loughgall in Co Armagh to be buried.

They disappeared into the home of James Lynagh as hundreds of Gardai dressed in riot gear stood on the edge of a crowd of mourners in the centre of Monaghan town, Co Monaghan.

The Provisional IRA made no attempt to fire a volley of shots over Lynagh's coffin, draped in the Irish tricolour with a black beret and black gloves on top, as it was carried to St Marcartan's Cathedral. The police copied the tactics used recently by the Royal Ulster Constabulary by flanking the coffin as it was carried to the cathedral.

Earlier, Patrick McKearney, one of the escapers from the Maze Prison who died in the shooting was buried in his home village of Moy, Co Tyrone. An honour guard of four masked men carried the coffin for a brief period.

Whitehall strikes warning

By Staff Reporters

Civil Servants yesterday warned their Whitehall employers to expect a "second front" of industrial action during the general election.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants, already engaged in a series of disruptive strikes over its 4.25 per cent pay offer, voted overwhelmingly to support members taking industrial action to prevent the introduction of outside staff at the rank of higher executive officer.

Mr Howard Saunders, a delegate from the Health and Safety Executive in London, told the union's annual conference at Bournemouth: "There are Civil Servants who can do the jobs and this is an insult to our members".

The Civil Servants warned the Government they would not co-operate with any officers recruited from outside.

One direct recruitment plan at the Health and Safety Executive in London has already been withdrawn after industrial action.

The SCPS is planning to ballot its members on further selective strike action during the election campaign.

At the Civil and Public Services Association conference in Blackpool yesterday the Government was warned that any further moves to contract out Ministry of Defence work would be met with ferocious opposition from Civil Servants.

Mr Brian Sturtevant, the union's national officer on defence, said the privatization of the Devonport naval dockyard to an American company with Libyan interests was another example of how the Government is willing to risk national security for political dogma.

● Election results which could give control of the CPSA to the hard left have been delayed after complaints from more than 100 branches representing 12,000 members that their votes have not been counted.

When the results of the national executive committee elections are declared next week, Mr John Macreadie, who supports Militant Tendency is expected to become the union's deputy general secretary. The moderate president, Mrs Marion Chambers could be ousted by Mrs Doreen Purvis, another Militant supporter.

Labour council purges 'left wing' chairmen

By Craig Seton

The controlling Labour group on Birmingham City Council has removed three women from committee chairmanships because of their alleged left-wing leanings.

The purge came after Labour's loss of five Birmingham seats in the local elections and is intended to bolster the party's moderate image in the city in the run-up to the general election.

Three Birmingham marginal constituencies, two held by Conservatives and one by Labour, are vulnerable to small swings in the election.

At a meeting of the city's Labour group, with moderates in the majority, members voted to abolish the women's and race relations committees, the activities of which had led to growing allegations of "loony left" policies.

The three ousted women were Mrs Trudy Livingstone, of the women's committee, Mrs Theresa Stewart (social services) and Mrs Lynne Jones (housing).

They all denied being left wingers and accused the Labour group of a witch hunt.

Mrs Livingstone said: "I think there is a feeling among some of my colleagues that we belong to what is called the loony left, but I challenge that.

"I am a middle-aged grandmother, very responsible and very reasonable."

Mr Dick Knowles, the veteran Labour leader of the council, denied that he had purged the three because they were left wing.

He said: "There has never been a loony left or Trotsykist element in Birmingham."

Chess lead for Bellin

At the end of round 2 in the Jersey Open International Tournament, which is sponsored by Lloyds Bank again this year, the lead was held by the Norwich International Master, Robert Bellin. By beating Robert Harris in a nicely-played game he achieved a score of 3 points out of 3.

The results in round 3 were: Bellin 1 Harris 0; Summerscale ½ le Blanc ½; Ellston 1 Howell 0; Brisson 0 Kinsman 1; Jackson 1 Drake-Ford 0; Clarke ½ Griffin ½; Delaney 1 Scesen 0; Beake 1 Player 0; Thompson 1 Morris 0; Moulton 0 Coleman 1; Setterfield 1 MacIlreamain 0; Wilson ½ Grimett ½; Connolly 1 Webster 0; Murray ½ Vangemeren ½; McLure 1 Gwilres 0; Beville 1 Whitely 0; Samson 1 J Miles 0; Pearce 1 Bacon 0; Benson 1 Neill 0; Vether 1 Florence 0; le Feuvre 0 Buckley 1

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Housekeeper wed sick millionaire without his consent

A millionaire aged 83 who is suffering from a mental disorder was granted a divorce yesterday after a court was told he had not consented to the marriage and could not remember the ceremony.

Mr Frank Yarwood, a retired businessman with an estate valued at £1.3 million, was married to his housekeeper, Mary, then aged 63, in December 1985.

The Family Division of the High Court was told that she claimed they had consummated the marriage on the living room floor after the wedding. But Mr Yarwood did not know anything about it.

Mr Justice Wood said that was not surprising because it did not happen. He declared the marriage null and void.

He said that Mr Yarwood, who is a patient at the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, Surrey, was senile and suffering from a mental disorder. He did not validly consent to the wedding at the Reigate Register Office and the decree of nullity could be made absolute immediately.

The marriage was first challenged by Mr Yarwood's son and daughter who were told he could not remember the ceremony.

Mr Justice Wood said that only Mrs Yarwood, the registrar and the witnesses from his office knew that a marriage had taken place.

There were no flowers, no celebration drink and, although Mrs Yarwood said they had had sexual intercourse once while continuing to sleep in separate bedrooms, the judge did not accept her evidence.

Mr Yarwood was previously involved in local politics and had a successful chartered accountancy business.

The judge said: "He was interested in making money. He was autocratic and at times extremely difficult. He was clearly a shrewd businessman with an estate estimated at £1.3 million."

After his first wife died in 1982, his two children, Charles and Helen, became worried about him and took steps to have his affairs put in the hands of the Court of Protection.

He took the second Mrs Yarwood, a divorcee, in as a lodger at his large home inRingley Avenue, Horley, Surrey.

The son and daughter got on well with her until a week after the "wedding" when she stopped Charles in the street to show him the marriage certificate.

The judge said Charles was "flabbergasted", and when Helen was told she found it "incredible". Her mother's ring had been used for the ceremony and the second Mrs Yarwood had then spent £75 from a joint account



Mr Chris Green (left), British Rail's Network SouthEast director, Mr Bill Clarke, Underground operations director, and Mr Norman Cohen, operations director for buses, with their massed band of ticket inspectors at Waterloo yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Company chiefs' pay goes over £200,000

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The chief executives of Britain's biggest companies have broken through the £200,000 a year pay barrier, according to a survey published yesterday.

The top 10 per cent of chief executives have seen for the first time their basic salary go to just over the £200,000 mark although overall, the medians for chief executive salaries stood at £75,000 and £127,500 in the big companies.

The survey, by Korn/Ferry International, which claims to be the world's largest executive search organization, predicts continued growth in company revenues and profits and a substantial increase in job opportunities.

The findings support recent optimistic forecasts by others in industry and commerce including the Confederation of British Industry.

But the survey will disappoint the Bank of England and key City institutional investors which have been anxious, amid the growing criticisms of the way some companies have been run, to see an increase in the number of non-executive directors appointed as an insurance for good practices within companies.

Non-executive directors still represent only 36 per cent of company board membership, with a five-year trend showing a decline.

Company revenues are expected to rise by 86 per cent during this year. If borne out this would be a marked improvement even on last year, when revenues rose for 78 per cent of companies surveyed.

The Boards of Directors Study 1987 (Korn/Ferry International, Norfolk House, 31 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4JL; £50).

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Thre people including a senior lecturer and a secretary share the *Portfolio Gold* Prize of £4,000.

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"I think the money will have to go towards school fees for my two boys, aged 13 and 17, who are at Portsmouth Grammar School, and I am delighted with the win", he said.

Another regular reader of *The Times*, Mrs Donna Moore, a secretary, of Freshfield Road, Brighton, said she was delighted to have won, but had not decided how to spend the money.

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Dr Stodd has been a player since the start

Stepfather denies battle of wills

By Michael Horsnell

The stepfather of Kimberley, aged four, yesterday denied hitting her harder and harder as the two of them engaged in a battle of wills. Speaking on the seventh day of his trial for murder at the Central Criminal Court, Mr Nigel Hall denied that he battered the child because she refused to accept him as her father.

He claimed that she had inflicted bodily bruising on herself during a temper tantrum.

Questioned by Mr Andrew Patience, who is defending Kimberley's mother, Mrs Pauline Carlile, aged 27, he told the court: "She did not have to accept me as father. I never once actually lost my temper or struck her in anger."

Mr Hall, aged 24, a self-employed dishwashing machine repairer, denies murdering Kimberley at the family's council maisonette at Kidbrooke, in south-east London, on June 8 last year. He and Mrs Carlile, who was acquitted of murder on the direction of Mr Justice Steyn earlier this week, also denied further charges of grievous bodily harm, wounding, assault and cruelty.

Mr Hall told the court that the little girl, who weighed 24lb when she died, had accepted him living with her mother as her father.

When it was suggested that he hit her harder and harder when she refused to acknowledge him, Mr Hall said: "I was not determined she had to accept me, only that she would eat and do what she was asked to do."

Mr Hall denied that he had once angrily put the little girl in a scalding bath, claiming that she ran her own bath while he was changing her bed.

Cross-examined by Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, he said her bruises – except those on the side of her face where he had slapped her in an attempt to revive her after her allegedly fatal fall down stairs – were self-inflicted during a tantrum.

Mr Hall admitted that over the last few months Kimberley had spent nearly all her time in the maisonette. "She spent a fair bit of time in the bedroom because smacking her was doing her no good for not eating", he said.

He denied Mr Amlot's charge that he had caused nearly all of the little girl's bruises.

Mr Hall also denied Mr Amlot's challenge that he kicked her and killed her "at the end".

A letter to him in prison from Mrs Carlile, who claims that he was solely responsible for the child's battering, was read to the court. Dated March 2, when both were on remand in custody, it started, "Dear Nigel, light of my life, how are you keeping?" and was signed "love and kisses Pauline".

The case continues.

Maximum award for sex taunts

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

A woman aged 23 has been awarded £8,000 because of sexual harassment at work, double the previous highest award.

The woman took her employer, North Shore Meat Packers, of Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, to an industrial tribunal in Belfast which ruled that she had suffered unlawful sexual discrimination. The award was the maximum payable under the Sex Discrimination Act.

The two-day hearing was told that while working as a meat packer between 1984 and 1986, the woman had been subjected to a campaign of sexual harassment by male employees, including "touching her up" and suggestive remarks about her body.

A male employee turned a hot pressure hose on her legs last June causing severe burns and blistering which needed medical attention.

The company said that it regarded the incident as a piece of "stupid horseplay that went badly wrong" and that the regular "banter" between male and female employees was inoffensive to women.

Mrs Mary Clark-Glass, chairman and chief executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission, which took up the case, said said: "This again endorses the right of women to work in an environment free of sexual harassment."

Fare cheats face crackdown

By David Cross

London fare dodgers had a field day yesterday when about 250 bus and rail ticket inspectors deserted their posts to gather at Waterloo station.

But the cheat's joy will be short-lived. For the first time, Tube, train and bus inspectors are joining forces to recoup some of the £50 million which goes unpaid in fares on the three services each year.

With the aid of a £10,000 computer installed at Waterloo, and backed by transport police, groups of about 20 inspectors will be sent to key interchanges to check tickets.

"In the past we have wasted a lot of time and energy trying to track down individuals who are cheating the system", Mr Chris Green, director of British Rail's Network SouthEast, said. "What we have got to do now is crack down very hard on those places where fraud is running as high as 8 per cent".

Across the rail and bus network, average fraud levels are running at about 3 per cent.

Mr Green said that he would be happy if the new campaign cut his network's annual loss of about £21 million by half. "With the Government cutting back on subsidies, I can then use that revenue to keep fares down. This is the message I want to get across to the 97 per cent of our passengers who are honest, paying citizens", he said.

During a trial 24-hour run for the combined operation at Barking last month, one check collected £4,000 in unpaid fares and 200 people were reported for prosecution, Mr Roger Shire, an Underground spokesman said. In a similar raid at Richmond, 102 fare dodgers were caught and £3,500 collected.

Accident cover for pupils

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

A parent-teacher organization has joined forces with a specialist insurance broker to provide cover for children at state schools.

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations is offering cover for individual children of up to £100,000 for an £18 premium.

It says that most parents wrongly assume that they can claim compensation if their child suffers permanent disability at school. But to do so they must prove that the education authority was negligent. Mrs Penny Temple, the associations's chairman, says that is rarely the case.

"Life is becoming more dangerous for children. As a child I walked to school every day but there are roads now which I would not advise an adult to walk down", Mrs Temple said.

No local education authority can afford to insure all its pupils. Even at a greatly reduced premium an average-size authority would need to pay out more than £500,000 a year for cover.

But the association, which is working with Brown Shipley Schools, a specialist school insurance broker, is offering a policy that covers children throughout the year. Excluded from the policy are dental treatment, pregnancy, suicide, war and self-inflicted injury such as brain damage caused by glue-sniffing.

According to the most recent statistics from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, nearly 3,000 children are killed or seriously injured in school accidents every year. The most dangerous areas are the playground, playing field and gymnasium.

A government study of school accidents in 1965 suggested that 35,000 children were injured badly enough to lose half-a-day's schooling.

Showpiece school criticized

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

One of the Inner London Education Authority's showpiece comprehensive schools has been criticized by Her Majesty's Inspectors of education for permitting a "significant degree of academic under-achievement".

In a report published yesterday on Quintin Kynaston school, in north-west London, the inspectors call for more rigorous standards of teaching

They say that although the school, which has more than 900 pupils, practises mixed-ability teaching, the problems associated with it have not been solved.

The inspectors note that Quintin Kynaston has a pupil-teacher ratio of 12.2:1, significantly lower than the national average of 15.8:1.

Fewer than 10 per cent of those who leave achieve five or more high-grade O levels or CSEs, against a national average of nearly 24 per cent.

The Inner London Education Authority commented that Quintin Kynaston had a "justifiable reputation for developing new educational advances".

By contrast, in another report published yesterday, the inspectors praise a voluntary-aided Roman Catholic comprehensive in the London borough of Haringey.

They say the school is well run and that the pupils' achievements are commendable.

Charges over temple fracas

Four men appeared before magistrates at Greenwich, south-east London, yesterday charged with causing grievous bodily harm, after disturbances at a Sikh temple in Belvedere, Kent, on Sunday.

They were Mr Pihra Singh Atwal, aged 43, a shopkeeper, from Belvedere; Mr Amaryadwindel Singh Sumray, aged 30, a managing director, of Gravesend, Kent; Mr Ajit Singh Hothi, aged 57, a labourer, from Belvedere; and Mr Saknam Singh Randhawa, aged 40, a taxi driver, of Cranford, Middlesex. Mr Hothi was also accused of making threats to kill.

All were remanded in custody to Lambeth Magistrates' Court today.

Marines instructor is guilty

A Royal Marines instructor who hit teenage recruits on the head with a huge mallet, allegedly for refusing to drink urine, was found guilty of assault yesterday by a court martial.

Sergeant John Clooney, aged 30, struck two junior marines during celebrations at the end of a training exercise.

However, he was given only a severe reprimand yesterday. The court also acquitted Sergeant Clooney of allowing the recruits to drink alcohol.

Earlier the hearing, at Lympstone, Devon, was told that Sergeant Clooney allowed the 35 recruits under his command to drink 20 gallons of cider.

The prosecution claimed that the recruits were forced to drink urine from pint mugs and two marineswere struck on the head by Sergeant Clooney with a marquee mallet for refusing.

But Sergeant Clooney, from Exmouth, Devon, said the marines had only drunk cider and he had tapped them jokingly. He will be allowed to continue with his unit.

Judge questions ferry timetables

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Many of the problems on Townsend Thoresen's cross-Channel ferries, culminating in the loss of nearly 200 lives in the Zeebrugge disaster, could have been caused by a desire to sail without delay, it was suggested yesterday.

It was "time against safety", Mr Justice Sheen, who is conducting the inquiry into the disaster, said. He put these suggestions at the end of the day to Captain Robert Blowers, who was for six years senior master of the Pride of Free Enterprise, a sister ship of the Herald of Free Enterprise.

The judge asked him: "Would it be fair to say that one of the chief troubles giving rise to a lot of these events has been the desire to depart without delay?"

Captain Blowers said that masters were allocated a time slot within which to depart from a port.

"You can have a situation whereby if you miss your departure slot, you may have to wait a considerable time."

That was particularly true at Zeebrugge with oil tankers and other large vessels entering and leaving the port.

He was asked: "So it is time against safety. Is that right?"

Captain Blowers said that it was difficult for him to answer that. They wanted to be safe, but the passengers would not thank them if they were delayed two and a half hours. Questioned about a possibly "strange" loading of freight in the Herald of Free Enterprise as she began her last voyage, he said that it would be very unusual for more than 400 tons of freight to be carried on the upper vehicle deck.

He was told that it was estimated that the Herald had been carrying 529 tonnes on that deck.

Captain Blowers, however, denied that it would be a breach of regulations governing the stability of the ferry if there had been more than about 400 tonnes on the upper vehicle deck. That regulation was negated by the fact that the ferry's number four double-bottomed fuel bunker was full.

The hearing continues.

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Russia lets its rock stars come to UK

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

The Royal Opera House will relay live performances of Puccini's *La Bohème*, starring Placido Domingo, via a vast screen in Covent Garden piazza next month.

Thousands are expected to attend the free event, which will take place on June 9 and 12, whatever the weather.

Placido Domingo said yesterday he was thrilled by the new venture. "My eventual goal as a singer is to perform for as many people as possible and to make opera available to those who might not otherwise be able to attend", he said.

The performances will be projected on to a screen 20ft high and 26ft wide, along with interviews with the cast and producers. The cast will then appear in person after taking their curtain calls in the opera house.

The Russians are coming, on a new wave of artistic glasnost, to take part in festivals of music and theatre in London this summer.

Plans announced yesterday for the Capital Music Festival and the London International Festival of Music include performances by Soviet artists who have not been allowed to visit Britain before.

The policy of "openness" introduced by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, will give London audiences a first opportunity to see Dialogue, a rock band from Siberia; Aria, a heavy-metal group from Moscow and the theatre director, Anatoli Vasiliev, and his company.

Mr John Burrows, director of the Capital Music Festival, said he had chosen the two bands from 11 he had seen during a visit to the Soviet Union in February. He had watched Aria performing at a ball-bearing factory.

He said: "I tried to get them two years ago, but the authorities wouldn't let them out.

"This time it was totally different. Everybody was very co-operative. It was as if they'd been told to help us."

The bands will present London's first "Russian Rock Gala" at the Hammersmith Odeon on July 10.

Vasiliev, based originally at the Taganka Studio in Moscow, will present his new work, *Cerceau*, at the Riverside Studios, near by, nine days later.

Miss Rose De Wend Fenton, a director of the theatre festival, said: "This would not have been possible a year ago.

"We have much better communications with the Soviet authorities. Before, we had to rely on telexes and telegrams which never seemed to arrive.

The theatre festival will feature 19 companies from 13 countries at a number of venues between July 13 and August 2.

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Colville to check Ulster laws

Viscount Colville of Culross, a former junior Conservative Home Office minister, has been asked by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to review the operation of the emergency provisions legislation for the province each year, Lord Lyell, Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said in the Lords.

He made the announcement when he moved the third reading of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, which passed its remaining stages.

Lord Lyell recalled that Mr King had been considering the appointment of an independent person of standing to conduct such a review and had now decided that a review should, in fact, be carried out.

The Under-Secretary also recalled that Viscount Colville had produced a "thorough and helpful" review of the operation of the Prevention of Terrorism Act throughout the United Kingdom earlier this year and had just undertaken to carry out a rather more substantial review of the Act.

Ports police co-ordinator

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, announced in a Commons written reply that he had decided to establish a National Co-ordinator of Port Policing who would provide advice and assistance to chief officers of police on police work at ports, co-ordinate the work of police units, and represent them in liaison with other services involved in ports.

The post of National Co-ordinator would be at assistant chief constable rank.

He said: The new arrangement adopts recommendations made by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary on the work of police operating the port controls provided by the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1984. The new arrangements will operate initially for a trial period of two years.

Demand for an Assembly

The Government ought to be looking for new premises for the Crown Office in Edinburgh because the present building, the old Royal High School, would be required after the election for the Scottish Assembly proposed by the Labour Party, Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said during question time.

He said that the Assembly was wanted by most people of Scotland because they were fed up with being ruled by a quasi-colonial Conservative junta.

Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, said that he had told the House on a previous occasion that the Government was looking for alternative premises for the Crown Office in Edinburgh sometime in the future, but the building was perfectly satisfactory for the time being.

Minister to say thanks

Lady Trumpington, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, hopes to visit the six Belgian hospitals that looked after United Kingdom victims of the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster at Zeebrugge and to present each hospital with a plaque in recognition of their care and support, Lord Hesketh, a Government spokesman, said in the Lords. He said that it was hoped that the visit would take place on May 22.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland: Prime Minister. Criminal Justice Bill and Parliamentary and Health Service Commissioners Bill, Lords amendments.
Lords (3): Lord Chancellor's salary order.

Bills passed

As this Parliament comes to an end, a number of Bills are being rushed through both Houses:

Yesterday in the Commons the Finance Bill, Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, Family Law Reform Bill, Local Government Bill, Diplomatic and Consular Premises Bill and Housing (Scotland) Bill were all read the third time. Lords amendments to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill were approved.

In the House of Lords, the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill, Criminal Justice Bill, Parliamentary and Health Service Commissioners Bill, Cyprus (Proceedings (Armed Forces) Bill, Dogs Bill, Agricultural Training Board Bill and Registered Establishments (Scotland) Bill were all read the third time.

Opposition loses battle to stop rates guillotine

Labour and Alliance opposition to the guillotine on the Bill to replace domestic rates in Scotland with a community charge failed by 256 votes to 176 — Government majority, 80.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scottish affairs, said that the Government had been forced to give ground during Parliament's long consideration of the complicated Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, which was widely regarded as unworkable and impracticable.

The Bill represented a remarkable, almost unprecedented, fiscal innovation. The depth of opposition and concern about it put a question mark over whether it was appropriate to force it through by means of a last-gasp guillotine motion in the dying days of a Parliament.

It would be best to suspend judgement and wait to hear what the electorate had to say.

Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C) wanted to know what could be fairer and more democratic than for the Government to put specific proposals before the Scottish electorate for the abolition of rates. That way, they would know precisely what the choices were — between domestic rates and community charge.

Mr Robert Maclennan (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP) complained that some of the amendments to be considered in a short period were far more than purely technical. They affected the principle of the Bill.

Some went against the concept of universality in that everyone in Scotland should pay at least 20 per cent of the new poll tax regardless of ability to pay. Some touched upon the position of students and the definition of disabled and mentally handicapped people.

These amendments could not possibly receive proper consideration now.

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) said that the purpose of the motion was to obscure the horrors of this damnable Bill from the Scottish people.

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) said that the Bill had been discussed ad nauseam and, in committee and at other stages, the Opposition had failed to come up with alternative proposals. In any case, if Labour MPs felt that the Bill was so bad they would have the opportunity during the election to convince the people of this.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, SNP) wondered whether the Government would withdraw the legislation if the Conservatives won the election but were decimated in Scotland where the Bill would have been rejected.

Speaker's glass of sherbet

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, invited MPs who are retiring from Parliament to his house at the Palace of Westminster, on Monday "for a glass of sherbet". He also said that he would remain in the chair on Friday so that MPs could shake hands in the traditional fashion, at the end of a Parliament.

Yesterday, the Speaker had expressed his regret that, as the traditional prorogation ceremony was not being held, and that the 87 MPs who were not standing again and he would not have the opportunity to bid each other farewell.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab): Can you explain to those of us who are eager to pay the normal courtesies to you, bidding you farewell and wishing you a very successful campaign for your return, whether we will be allowed to do so on Friday or on Monday?

The Speaker said that he proposed to make a statement on Thursday, but he would say now that he proposed to remain in the chair on Friday after the proceedings were at an end, to greet and say farewell to MPs who might wish to do so.

Whisky talks 'continuing'

Demands that Guinness should fulfil assurances about the siting of Bell's whisky premises in Scotland were made during question time by Scottish MPs.

Mr Ian Lang, Under-Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said that he had met Guinness representatives on three occasions since July 17 last year, when a statement about the company was made in Parliament, and had also been involved in meetings with the company.

"These discussions, which are continuing, have ranged over a variety of matters related to Guinness's activities in Scotland."

Mr James Craigen (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab): What more is the Secretary of State (Mr Malcolm Rifkind) doing to get the company to locate in Scotland and bring the promised jobs?

Mr Lang: We are keeping in close touch with Guinness and watching their continuing development and activities in Scotland.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C): Will he discuss (with Guinness) the pledges which have been broken and those which have not been fulfilled, and look particularly at the pledge given to the leader of the Liberal Party (Mr David Steel), who came out robustly in defence of Guinness at the time of the takeover of Bells, on the basis that Bells needed Guinness's assistance? We should like to know what the promises were.

Mr Lang: Mr Steel can speak for himself, when he has cleared the matter with the leader of the SDP. The extended operation in Perth means that Britain's leading spirit organization covering marketing and sales of all United Kingdom brands is located there and is creating 50 new jobs.

Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C): Guinness is suffering a marked shortage of genius and not much of that is required to fulfil the commitment to move the headquarters and jobs to Scotland.

Mr Lang: I hope that the genius of the board has increased now that the chairman (Sir Norman Macfarlane), the chief executive, and two leading executives are Scots.

MPs' onslaught on Dalyell

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) had to contend with repeated shouts of "disgraceful" as he applied for an emergency debate calling on the Prime Minister to set up an inquiry into the role of the late Mr Airey Neave and of Mr Norman Tebbit in alleged attempts to destabilize the elected government in 1977.

The matter was desperate, he said, because the authors of *The Pencourt File* had been reported as having been interrogated by Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C), Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C), Mr Airey Neave and Mr Tebbit.

Information was coming to light since the Prime Minister had rejected a call for an inquiry. The matter was important because it raised issues of obligation of members of the Commons in condoning trouble made for an elected head of government by the Security Services.

Mr Dalyell was interrupted by shouts of "Bad taste" from Conservative MPs and said: "I hear it said that this is in bad taste. I will openly say that the late Airey Neave was a friend of mine."

The beneficiary of so much of the late Airey Neave's activity was the present Prime Minister (loud Conservative protests), who had rejected the call for an inquiry by Sir James Callaghan.

The matter was urgent because Mr Tebbit had seemed, to put it politely, to acquiesce in the dirty tricks of the 1970s and he was now in charge of the Conservative Party.

Time should be found, before the election, for a statement as to whether Mr Tebbit was now a reformed character in this matter or not. Had he changed his spots?

A great deal had been written about this matter in the public prints and, before the House went to the polls, there should be an answer one way or another.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) rejected the application.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Mr Kinnock was right to challenge Mrs Thatcher to a television debate, and Mrs Thatcher was wise to refuse. But would it have been better for the rest of us if she had accepted?

Challengers are nearly always more eager than incumbents for such confrontations. That has certainly been the American experience where these gladiatorial contests seem now to have become part of the accepted pattern of presidential elections.

It is not easy for anyone to establish a clear ascendancy on such occasions, so the contender for office may enhance his standing if he is able to hold his own. He may also benefit from the extra publicity, especially if he begins the campaign from behind.

All these considerations apply to Mr Kinnock. He needs to make up so much ground that it is worth trying anything that might put Mrs Thatcher out of her stride. He does not possess her detailed grasp of policy issues, but he is articulate and personable. But because television debates between party leaders are not part of the British electoral tradition, Mrs Thatcher was free to respond on purely tactical grounds. The very reasons which made it tactically astute for Mr Kinnock to propose a debate would have made it foolish for her to agree.

She may also have had in mind that such an occasion could not be confined to the two of them. The Alliance would have to be represented, though by only one champion. It might suffer some embarrassment in deciding which David should be its man, but altogether the Alliance would stand to benefit most from a televised summit.

Starting the campaign as the weakest of the three parties it is most in need of publicity, and the role of sweet reason in the middle would be especially appealing if the exchanges between the other two became bitter.

But is Mrs Thatcher right that such debate would generate more heat than light? American experience suggests that it would be more revealing about personalities than about policy.

The first of the televised presidential debates was the celebrated one between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960, when Kennedy benefited partly through his own forceful manner and partly because the lighting made Nixon appear to be in need of a good shave.

There was not another until 1976, when Ford suffered from his statement that Eastern Europe was not dominated by the Soviet Union — which at least told those voters who did not know it already that he was liable to trip over his own tongue.

In another debate that year the sound equipment broke down for 20 minutes, during which Ford and Carter stood silently rooted to the spot — which may have given some impression of their charismatic qualities.

The televised debate of 1980 was critical for President Reagan because it enabled him to display his relaxed and genial manner, and thereby to defuse the criticism that he was too trigger-happy to be allowed into the White House. In all these cases it was the challenger who gained, but in 1984 the Reagan personality gave him an advantage.

If such debates were held here they would probably have the same broad consequences. They would more often help the challengers, and they would tell most viewers more about the personalities. That contribution should not be dismissed too lightly. Votes are influenced by personalities, so it would be better that they should be influenced by accurate perceptions of them.

Politicians are already subjected to questioning on our screens far more than in the past. But those who do not have the opportunity of watching Question Time in the House of Commons do not see the party leaders in combat together. They would probably learn something from such a duel on television. But it would make the election even more of a popularity contest between the leaders and even less of a debate about the issues.

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ELECTION 87 X • Non-nuclear defence



Thatcher links TV violence with crime

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Broadcasters last night rejected the Prime Minister's suggestion that they should create tough new guidelines to control television violence.

They fear that by raising the issue, Mrs Thatcher may make broadcasting standards an election issue.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday blamed them for contributing to a rising tide of crime, claiming that young people were imitating the violent acts on screen.

Mr Michael Grade, BBC director of programmes, said: "We'll have to see if it does become an election issue. If it does, so be it."

Mr Grade, an outspoken opponent of efforts supported by the Prime Minister to extend the Obscene Publications Act to broadcasters, strongly defended the BBC's record on violence.

He said there was no need for more guidelines because the BBC has recently published new rules requiring producers to take care with strong material and to limit necessary violent scenes to after 9pm.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority said last night: "We certainly wouldn't accept that there is too much violence on ITV. The link between violence on television and violent acts in society is not something we've accepted."

In an interview published yesterday, Mrs Thatcher said: "I believe that watching this night after night must — though the TV people will tell you that there's no evidence to support this theory — *must* have some effect on young people.

"I believe that the TV people themselves are coming to a situation where they are going to set up new guidelines."

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said last night that the BBC and IBA had adequate guidelines — but they were not followed.

Labour defence policy slated by Nato chief

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

The Labour Party's non-nuclear defence policy was thrust into the centre of the election campaign last night when Nato's European commander said it would be the straw that broke the camel's back for the United States public.

General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, said that if the Labour Party put into effect its non-nuclear platform the consequences would be profound, especially so far as the American public were concerned.

Speaking in an interview on the *Analysis* programme on BBC Radio 4, he said: "If it (the Unites States) sees that one of the key members of Nato is going to shuck off its burden of nuclear responsibility it has borne all these years ... that straw will cause the United States to say 'all right, that is enough. It is time to bring the troops home'."

General Rogers' salvo will unsettle the Labour Party, which was planning to take the initiative on defence this weekend with a major speech by Mr Denis Healey, the shadow Foreign Secretary.

America's leading politicians had their say on Labour's defence policy at the time of the last party conference, with attacks from both Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and Mr Richard Perle, his deputy. Mr Charles Price, the US ambassador in Britain, also weighed in.

'A two-day visit by the Duke and Duchess of York to Merseyside next week, and a one-day visit to York on May 30, have been postponed until after the general election.

Mr Kinnock secured a promise from President Reagan during their White House talks in March that there would be no interference from politicians in the British election campaign.

But General Rogers attacked the policy during Mr Kinnock's first visit to explain his stance at the end of last year, and his remarks last night were received with little surprise by Labour leaders.

Mr Healey will claim in his speech this weekend that the Tories' "obsession" with nuclear weapons is an obstacle to an East-West arms control deal.

Labour has decided against sidelining the defence issue, and Mr Healey is preparing to deliver a "robust assertion" of his party's policy, accusing the Conservatives of jeopardizing conventional forces by making cuts to pay for Trident.

He will seek to present Labour as being in the mainstream of current defence thinking on both sides of the Atlantic, underlining its support for the so-called zero, zero option, which involves both sides giving up their intermediate and shorter range nuclear missiles.

At the same time he will attempt to justify Labour's determination to decommission Polaris and rid the country of US nuclear weapons.

He will seek to make this unilateralist position more acceptable by claiming it is likely that American cruise missiles will soon be withdrawn from Britain under a US-Soviet agreement.

Deprived areas get cash boost

By Colin Narbrough

The Government yesterday revealed that it is to increase spending on business facilities in assisted areas in England, in what will be seen as a pre-election offering to deprived areas.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, said that investment in such areas by English Estates, the government corporation which provides business and commercial premises, would be increased substantially in the current financial year from the £33.5 million last year.

In a Commons written answer, he said the precise amount would depend on how much the Corporation could generate from rent and the sale of factories.

Direct grant of £13 million would be provided, Mr Shaw said, and he had given permission for the Corporation to invest up to £47 million if it could find the extra funds.

Increased funding would, however, have to be in response to real demand, give value for money, and not be allowed to crowd out private investment, he said.

English Estates last year exceeded its investment target for assisted areas by £1.5 million.

'Voters ignorant of MPs'

By Michael Dynes

Nearly a quarter of the electorate does not know which party their local MP belongs to, according to an opinion poll conducted by the BBC's broadcasting research department.

The survey also showed that one in 10 of those who believe they know who their MP is, are mistaken.

The poll, carried out between April 13 and April 19, asked 5,000 voters questions about their local MP.

Of the 49 per cent who said they knew who their MP was, 8 per cent were wrong, while 23 per cent said they did not know which party their MP belonged to.

The full results of the poll, part of the corporation's routine watching and listening survey, will be broadcast on Radio 4's *You and Yours* advice and consumer affairs programme today.

Labour rekindles technology pledge

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Labour Party will next week launch a manifesto for science which promises the appointment of a Minister for Science and Technology.

The party's strategy for economic and social regeneration will also commit a Labour government to cutting back to the Nato average the 53 per cent of the research and development budget at present directed to defence projects.

"Civil research and development are now weak by international standards. The cuts in higher education have eroded the research base, made forward planning impossible, destroyed the career futures for a generation of talented young researchers and led to the emigration of some of our best scientists in search of facilities worthy of their work", the manifesto says.

"Everyone knows this: the scientific community has said it loud and clear; the House of Lords has said it; Labour has said it; even Government backbenchers have said it. But the Government does nothing."

The manifesto's three-part strategy includes: more incentives to encourage industrial research and development; the speeding-up of technology transfer; improved science education; more money for research; the appointment of a Minister for Science and Technology to set national goals. The manifesto claims: "This co-ordinated strategy will deliver policies for reseach and development which will place a high value on science and the work of the scientific community.

"It will mobilize research workers in the vital effort towards national economic and social regeneration

Political bywords

Straight talking by Mrs Thatcher

By Philip Howard

Politicians live by the word. Their public images are largely formed by what they say. Today: characteristic quotes from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, who has been called everything from the best man in England to Attila the Hen, to the Iron Lady (originally by *Red Star*).

Perseverance
U-turn if you want to. The lady's not for turning. Conservative Conference, 1980.

Economics
Pennies do not come from heaven. They have to be earned here on earth. The *Sunday Telegraph*, 1982.

Theology
No one would have remembered the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions. He had money as well. *Weekend World*, 1980.

Frailty
Oh, I have got lots, lots of human weaknesses, who hasn't? *The Times*, 1983.

Cabinet solidarity
I don't mind how much my ministers talk — as long as they do what I say. *The Times*, 1987.

Softness
I'm not hard — I'm frightfully soft. But I will not be hounded. *Daily Mail*, 1972.

Introspection
I love being at the centre of things. *Reader's Digest*, 1984.

Victorian values
...were the values when our country became great. *Weekend World*, 1982.

Swings and roundabouts
Britain is no longer in the politics of the pendulum, but of the ratchet. Speech to the Institute of Public Relations, 1977.

Socialism
State socialism is totally alien to the British character. *The Times*, 1983.

Feminism
The battle for women's rights has been largely won. *The Guardian*, 1982.

Elitism
Let our children grow tall, and some taller than others if they have it in them to do so. US tour, 1975.

Sweet reason
I am painted as the greatest little dictator, which is ridiculous — you always take some consultations. *The Times*, 1983.

Self-confidence
I wasn't lucky. I deserved it. Receiving school prize, aged nine.

Belligerent
I love argument. I love debate. I don't expect anyone just to sit there and agree with me, that's not their job. *The Times*, 1980.

Marxism
And what a prize we have to fight for: no less than the chance to banish from our land the dark divisive clouds of Marxist socialism. Scottish Conservative Conference, 1983.

Defence
We are the true peace movement. *The Times*, 1983.

The young
Young people ought not to be idle. It is very bad for them. *The Times*, 1984.

Ideals
If a woman like Eva Peron with no ideals can get that far, think how far I can go with all the ideals that I have. *The Sunday Times*, 1980.

Prediction
I am certain that we will win the election with a good majority. Not that I am ever over-confident. *Evening Standard*, 1987.

Some of these quotes are taken from *Margaret Thatcher in her own Words*, published today by Penguin, £2.50.

Tomorrow: Neil Kinnock

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Labour plan • Bad record • Alliance hopes • Funds fight ELECTION 87

Labour will strive to avoid the old mistakes

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

While the Conservatives seek to relive the glories of the 1983 campaign, the Labour Party plans to exorcize the ghost of those disastrous few weeks.

Mr Peter Mandelson, the party's director of campaigns and communications and the creative force behind its new image, says: "Planning is of the essence in all this. The chief reason why the Labour campaign of '83 was so hopeless was that they really only started planning it when the campaign was announced. It's a military operation we are engaged in here."

In fact, tales of Labour's last débâcle still circulate at Westminster: of Shadow Cabinet members sent to the regions not to surface again until after polling day and, most famously, of the Special Branch officer, Mr Michael Foot's bodyguard, who attended several meetings of the party's campaign committee, the innermost sanctum of its election effort, without most of those present knowing who he was or bothering to ask.

For more than a year, Labour's election preparations have been in the hands of the leader's committee, a group of 12 people chaired by Mr Neil Kinnock.

Other members include leading Shadow Cabinet figures such as Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr Denis Healey, Mr John Smith, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Mr Bryan Gould and Dr John Cunningham, Mr Bryan Davis, secretary of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and NEC members Mr David Blunkett, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Tom Sawyer and Miss Diana Jeuda. Mr Robin Cook, a frontbench trade and industry spokesman, is also in the team.

The union general secretaries Mr Ron Todd, of the Transport and General Workers, and Mr John Edmonds, of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers, and Allied Trades Union, complete the group.

Now that the election has been called, this group has been reborn as the campaign committee and, with Mr Kinnock in the chair, it will meet three times a week until polling day.

Meanwhile, the nuts and bolts of the operation will be handled by the parallel campaign management team headed by Mr Gould, which has also been meeting regularly for more than a year.

The management team will come together early every morning to review the progress of the campaign.

A big change is planned in the format of the press conferences. About half will be taken by Mr Kinnock on the road, a development that has brought the inevitable charge that Labour, fearful of the Fleet Street press corps, is seeking to dodge their barbs by taking to the hills.

The accusation is denied by Labour planners, who point out that the national Press will be on Mr Kinnock's tour and will be free to ask him whatever they like.

Yet there is no mistaking Labour's loathing for much of the national Press. As one senior aide puts it: "We know that a large part of the Conservative and Alliance campaign strategy will be to denigrate the Labour Party. They will be unearthing what they regard as harmful political grenades and lobbing them at us every day."

It is against that background that Labour planners have given a great deal of thought to how they will respond to the inevitable vicissitudes of the campaign: the unguarded comment that allegedly betrays open dissent in the ranks.

The campaign management team, and in particular Mr Gould, the campaign manager, will assume this troubleshooting role.

Mr Gould's other main task will be to brief London-based journalists after a Kinnock conference on the road. But the Labour leader and, occasionally, Mr Hattersley, his deputy, will still start half their campaigning days before the massed ranks of the media.

The party will concentrate on bread-and-butter issues: jobs, pensions, education, training, housing, health and benefits, a strategy that has sprung from intensive opinion polling among a cross-section of voters over many months.

The party has also drawn up detailed plans to ensure that it gets its message across, including campaign schedules for every member of the Shadow Cabinet.



On the election beat: Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, in the kitchen during a visit yesterday to North Westminster Community School in central London (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Efficiency the Alliance's problem

By Our Political Reporter

Efficient concentration and co-ordination of its disparate forces is likely to be the Alliance's main difficulty as it again embarks on its quest to rearrange the political landscape.

Welding two political parties, with markedly different traditions and styles of leadership, into a single fighting force sets its managers a formidable logistical task.

The problem is further complicated by the cheerful anarchy that characterizes much of Liberal politicking, a way of life that may be becoming a luxury in this less forgiving age where the media's hunger for muddle, conflict or confusion can never be satisfied.

But there is nothing like the sight of hostile forces on the move to trigger a closing of the ranks.

There will be three campaigns: the national Alliance campaign featuring the party leaders, daily press conferences, party election broadcasts and, cash permitting, a limited amount of national newspaper and poster advertising; the Liberal campaign in 328 of the 650 parliamentary constituencies; and the SDP campaign in 305 seats. None of the main parties contests the 17 seats in Northern Ireland.

The centrepiece of the Alliance's national effort lies in the hands of its planning group, a tightly knit group of 10 people led by Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel.

Its other members are Mr John Pardoe, the former Liberal MP, Lord Harris of Greenwich, the SDP peer, Mr Des Wilson, president of the Liberal Party, Miss Polly Toynbee, a leading member of the SDP national committee, Mr Andy Ellis, Liberal secretary general, Mr Dick Newby, SDP general secretary, and Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Roland Freeman, advisers to Mr Steel and Dr Owen respectively.

PREPARATIONS

Under the eye of the Alliance strategy committee, with 20 members, the planning group, which assumes full control once the campaign begins, has been pushing forward on a broad front for months, putting into effect the party's plans for the manifesto, joint campaign literature, press conferences, leaders' tours, party election broadcasts and a limited advertising effort.

During the campaign, the planning group will meet early every morning to review events, with Dr Owen and/or Mr Steel taking the press conferences with election spokesmen present as required. Mr Pardoe will chair the group with Lord Harris as his deputy if the two leaders are absent.

Unlike the Conservatives and the Labour Party, both of which tend to rely on gathering votes through a national appeal rather than doorstep selling, the Alliance is more dependent on its activists. It is this aspect that dominates the twin campaigns to be fought by the two parties.

To that end, the SDP general election unit of 10 members under Mr Newby was set up in 1985. Reporting to yet another committee of politicians chaired by Dr Owen, it has concentrated its efforts on identifying target seats and building the kind of strong local base from which it can launch a serious challenge in the election campaign.

A total of 60 seats have been so selected, most of which are Tory held. Beyond a slight concentration in the northern Home Counties, they are evenly spread across the country.

At the same time, over the past 18 months the SDP has appointed 40 agents, mostly bright young graduates seeking a career in politics, aged under 30 and prepared to slave all hours for no more than £7,500 a year and the job security of a high-wire artist.

Unlike the SDP, the Liberals do not have an official list of target seats.

Instead, the choice of where to concentrate their efforts is largely left to the party's 14 area agents, a decision that, in addition to past results and demographic factors, will have been based on the quality and quantity of the local activists.

The party reckons that a suitably energetic effort in a key seat, during the run-up to a campaign and the contest proper, can produce a swing 5 per cent above the national trend.

As Mr Ellis says: "Doing the work locally may make the difference between getting the best second place you've got in your life and electing an MP".

ELECTION FIREPOWER

How the three election war machines line up

	Con	Lab	SDP	Lib	Alln
Central campaign budget	£6m	£3.5m	–	–	£2m
Headquarters staff	280	200	80	40	120
Full-time constituncy agents	350	69	40	20	60
Regional staff	70	50	4	11	15
Constituency computers	200	100	50	50	100
Membership (,000)	1,200	313	93	100	193
Activists (,000)	120	200	15	25	40
Candidates	633	633	305	328	633
MPs	391	204	8	19	27

How the party machines compare

The figure for the Conservative campaign budget is an estimate. Figures for headquarters staff include people seconded for the campaign and volunteers, working full or part-time. The effect of this is to double the Central Office staff complement, and push up manpower at Labour headquarters in Walworth Road, London, by more than 50.

The manpower figure for Liberal headquarters includes those based at the Association of Liberal Councillors and Liberal Party Publications at Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire.

The SDP headquarters in Cowley Street, London, will be the nerve centre of the Alliance campaign, but some use will also be made of the Liberal headquarters in south-west London.

During the campaign, the Conservatives expect to have about 100 temporary constituency agents, Labour 30 and the Liberals 50.

Tories stay ahead in battle for funds

In the 1983 campaign, the Conservatives outspent the other two parties by a factor of about two to one. They appear to have retained their advantage, although they remain characteristically cagey about how much Lord McAlpine of West Green, the treasurer, has in the war chest.

Certainly, reports that they have as much as £20 million are wide of the mark. Insiders dismiss the figure as "unreal" pointing out that the same claim was made four years ago only to be thoroughly debunked after the event.

They also flatly deny that most of their money comes direct from big business, insisting that about 80 per cent is given by party members.

Party sources confine themselves to saying that the fund-raising effort has been "reasonably successful" but add that they still do not have enough for their war chest.

One senior insider was last week talking about "selling the Central Office furniture", a piece of hyperbole that nevertheless does underline the Conservatives' almost tribal tradition of victory at all costs.

Labour and the Alliance are unlikely to view the appeal with much favour. With £3.5 million and £2 million respectively, they need every penny they have – especially as a sizeable chunk of the funds will have to be passed to their constituencies (unlike the Tories who can generally afford to let the grassroots fend for themselves).

Nevertheless, even after allowing for inflation, all the parties have substantially more money than in 1983 when Tory central pre-election and campaign spending amounted to £3.7 million, compared with Labour's £2.3 million and the Alliance's £1.9 million.

The big difference between them in 1983 was the proportion spent on advertising. Including the pre-election period, the Tories devoted 70 per cent of their budget to this heading, compared with less than half by Labour and a quarter by the Alliance.

Other main areas of expenditure for all the parties are the production costs of party election broadcasts (roughly £50,000 apiece for television), private polling, election literature, leaders' tours and meetings and staff and administration costs.

In addition, individual constituencies conduct their own fund-raising efforts, an exercise necessarily restrained by the limit on the expenses a candidate can legally incur.

For this election, the ceiling is £3,370 plus an extra 2.9p per elector in the towns and 3.8p in the country. For an average seat of 69,137 electors, this works out at £5,375 and £5,997 respectively.

Alliance grassroots spending actually exceeded the amount spent on the national campaign, a reversal of the pattern set by the two big parties, which could well be repeated again given the efforts the Liberals, in particular, have been putting into local initiatives.

Of the £3.5 million Labour has to call on for its national campaign, the bulk has come from the big unions. In 1983, the Transport and General Workers' Union led the way. This time, through the agency of Trade Unions for Labour (TUFL), the transport union has again led the way with a gift from its political fund of £750,000.

The unions will also help Labour by bolstering its ranks with experienced manpower. TUFL is concentrating on 200 constituencies and has drawn up a list of 1,300 trade union activists.

The SDP and the Liberals raise their money from their members and supporters, although the Joseph Rowntree Social Service Trust has proved a handsome benefactor in the past, giving the Liberals £255,000 in 1983.

This time the SDP is planning a series of mail shots to its supporters during the campaign, after the success of a similar although much less professional effort in 1983. The party has also picked up about £50,000 from industry during the past two years.

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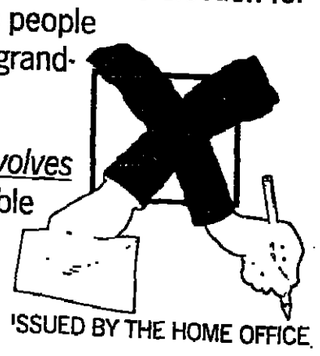
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WORLD SUMMARY

Poor Soviet grain harvest forecast

Washington — American agriculture experts have forecast another poor grain harvest in the Soviet Union this year, likely to lead to further buying on the US market and a new strain on the Soviet economy (Michael Binyon writes).

The US Agriculture Department said in its first analysis of this year's crop that the harvest was likely to be 195 million tonnes, 15 million less than last year and well below the official target. Soviet analysts here say this could mean big difficulties for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, causing as many political as economic repercussions, and might slow down the drive for decentralization. The US Agriculture Department said that a severe winter caused greater than normal damage to wheat planted in the autumn, leading to a likely shortfall of 17 million tonnes. An autumn drought also affected the seeded area.

Evidence by video

Jerusalem — The war crimes trial against Mr John Demjanjuk was adjourned yesterday after 44 days to enable the court to travel to West Germany and question three witnesses too old to travel (Ian Murray writes).

The three judges, prosecution and defence counsel, and a number of court officials will leave on Sunday. The evidence, from two former record keepers at an SS training camp and a former nurse at the Treblinka death camp, is to be video-taped.

Journalist raided

Costa Rican police raided the home of *The Times* correspondent in San José, Mrs Martha Honey, and her husband after a package for them was found to contain about 7 oz of cocaine (Nicholas Beeston writes). No charges have been brought.

Mrs Honey, 42, said the parcel was post-marked from Nicaragua. "This is obviously a very crude frame-up and is the outcome of our investigation into illegal US and Contra activities here," she said.

PLO charges refiled

Los Angeles — US immigration officials yesterday refiled deportation charges against eight aliens accused of belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization after identical charges were dismissed earlier in the week by an immigration judge when a government witness failed to appear (Ivor davis writes). The seven Jordanians and one Kenyan woman were arrested in January and deemed a national security risk.

Auckland arrest

Wellington (Reuter) — A man said to have fired a shot near the Queen during her 1981 New Zealand visit was arrested yesterday by police who had sought him for two weeks for questioning about a bank robbery.

Christopher Lewis, 23, was detained in Auckland as he tried to buy a car. Police said he gave a false name while arranging finance.

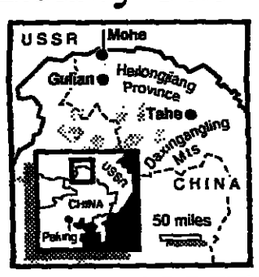
Ian Smith bows out

Harare — Mr Ian Smith, aged 68, the former Prime Minister of white-ruled Rhodesia, resigned yesterday from the leadership of Zimbabwe's Conservative Alliance (Jan Raath writes).

He said his move was over "vindictive actions" of the Government in associating Zimbabwe's whites with anti-sanctions remarks he himself made recently.

China fire nearly out

Peking — After raging out of control for six days in Heilongjiang (Black Dragon River) province, China's largest forest fire since 1949 is "basically under control, and could be out in two or three days if there are no strong winds," a provincial spokesman said yesterday (Robert Grieves writes). But serious fires still burned unchecked in Mohe County and Gulian.



Salvador's President under fire from all sides

From Christopher Thomas
San Salvador

President Duarte of El Salvador, once a symbol for democracy and reform, is trapped in a ruinous political battle between extremists of the right and left.

By consensus he has proved to be a weak national leader, who is now preoccupied by his greatest political crisis. Although support from the US and the Army will keep him in power, he faces two years of political stagnation until his term of office expires.

Diplomats say he sometimes seems depressed and withdrawn. He has surrounded himself with political cronies, known here as "The Ring", inside the sprawling white-washed presidential palace in the suburbs of San Salvador.

The right-wing accuses him of being little different from the communists because he has applied socialist theories to parts of the economy. The left-wing calls him a US-backed dictator. The middle classes are still furious over the imposition of austerity tax increases last year.



President Duarte: powerless in face of Army corruption.

The peasants, who make up most of the population of five million, are disillusioned because he has not delivered jobs or ended the war as he promised. Poverty and hunger grip the countryside and the urban slums ever tighter, despite $2.5 billion (£1.5 billion) in American aid over the past six years. Last October's massive earthquake added to the economic woes.

President Duarte's Christian Democratic Party is in the control of a small clique of loyalists who have used American money to build a political machine that hands out jobs based on party loyalty. US officials privately complain about the system but do nothing to stop it.

America seems to be out of fresh policy ideas for El Salvador, other than to hang on until the presidential elections of 1989 and then see what happens. Diplomats acknowledge that the political polarization has become too intense to expect President Duarte to be able to push through any more important reforms.

The Army, sensing a political vacuum, is asserting itself more and criticizing aspects of President Duarte's policies. It remains extremely conservative and continues to refuse to punish senior officers who were involved in death squad killings and other crimes.

President Duarte clearly does not have the power to stop corruption in the military. Several senior officers drive around in BMWs and Mercedes on salaries that should hardly enable them to afford a new motorcycle. Obviously some US aid is being syphoned off.

Right-wing businessmen secretly approached the military in January about removing President Duarte from office. The Army abruptly refused, clearly aware that such a move would instantly end American aid. The US not only props up the Salvadorean economy: it is also keeping President Duarte in his job.

The left-wing guerrillas are taking advantage of the Government's weakness by stepping up attacks on economic targets — coffee plantations, electricity pylons, buses, roads and bridges. A plunge in coffee prices has added to the devastation.

However, the Government is given credit for gains in human rights. Death squad activities have almost ended and excesses by the Army have sharply declined, although there is ample evidence that prisoners are frequently abused.

The fragile Government recently suffered a humiliating defeat by conservatives who opposed a "war tax" to raise money for the military, which is already one of the biggest, best-equipped armies in the Isthmus, thanks to US support.

The right-wing dominated Supreme Court ruled the tax unconstitutional because El Salvador has not formally declared war. Quiet approaches are now being made to Washington to give more aid to bolster the 57,000-man Army.

Congress, however, is likely to baulk, since massive US aid is clearly doing nothing to end the war or the rampant poverty.

Alfonsín tries to calm Army with law ending rights trials

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

In another effort to calm the deep discontent within the armed forces, President Alfonsín of Argentina yesterday announced legislation designed to end the human rights trials of more than 200 military officers.

The proposed law presumes that all officers below the rank of Lieuteant-Colonel acted on orders they could not refute and as such, cannot be prosecuted for illegal acts including kidnapping, torture and murder which they may have committed during the military's fight against alleged left-wing subversion.

The legislation, introduced less than a month after an Easter weekend rebellion badly shook Argentina's 3½-year-old democracy, will automatically put an end to the vast majority of some 220 human rights cases

In an effort to avoid legal appeals on individual cases, the law specifically prohibits the presentation of any evidence that a given officer acted on his own in committing illegal acts. The only exceptions involve the disappearance and torturing of minors, as well as robbery, rape or other actions committed for private gain.

Despite the urgency of the situation, the law faces an uncertain future in Congress. The liberal wing of the Peronist Party appears certain to oppose the measure on grounds that it absolves those who participated in the torturing of suspects. A second problem is that the Supreme Court could declare the legislation unconstitutional.

It remains uncertain whether the Government's latest initiative will have the desired effect of calming a military convinced that nothing short of an amnesty decree will permanently resolve the crisis within the armed forces. Under the proposal introduced yesterday, at least some trials of high-ranking officers who issued orders or were in a position to refute them are certain to continue.

"The Government has not understood that any judicial solution will always leave some problems unresolved," a high-ranking military officer said in an interview this week.

President Alfonsín has categorically ruled out an amnesty, but for almost a year he has vainly sought a formula to limit the number of officers who can be brought before the courts.

The last attempt was the so-called "final point" law hurriedly approved by Congress last December. That effort backfired when the nation's civilian courts used the 60-day statute of limitations imposed by the legislation to indict more than 200 military officers.

Syrians target of Beirut bombing



Syrian troops standing near the wreckage of a car which blew up in Beirut yesterday and resulted in the first death of a Syrian soldier from among the contingent of 7,500 deployed in the city in February.

The man who died was an explosives officer who was tring to defuse a bomb planted in the car outside a military post on the Mediterranean seafront (Robert Fisk writes from Beirut).

It was a grim, predictable attack that followed a series in Beirut, 93 in all.

But when the dirty, yellow cloud mushroomed over the Corniche at nine o'clock yesterday morning, the soldiers were nonetheless shocked.

Troops in steel helmets ran shouting from their base at the old Druze militia headquarters, screaming at motorists to turn back while green-painted military vans, presumably carrying Syrian casualties, drove at speed down the Corniche. There can be few Lebanese who do not expect the Syrians to retaliate.

Israel limbo after Peres Cabinet failure

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Frustrated yesterday in his efforts to bring down the divided Israeli coalition Government, Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister and Labour leader, cancelled a planned trip to Washington and started work on trying to win the support he needs to call early elections on the issue of an international peace conference for the Middle East.

Mr Peres called off the trip after a second session of the 10-member Inner Cabinet ended in deadlock. Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Defence Minister, said sadly at the end of the three-and-three-quarter-hour meeting: "It's all in limbo."

The five Labour ministers went into the meeting hoping either to persuade one of the Likud side to vote with them for the conference or to win agreement for early elections. But Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister and Likud leader, refused to co-operate and his team stayed loyal.

Far from agreeing to a conference, the Prime Minister's office issued a statement saying it was totally opposed to the idea. Instead of calling for early elections, the statement said that Mr Shamir hoped the coalition would continue to work together

Faced with this, Mr Peres had no choice but to back off without putting his project to a vote. If he had done so he would not have won and would have been forced to leave the Government, with Mr Shamir able to hang on to power with the help of minority right-wing and religious parties. That would have driven Mr Peres into political exile for the 18 months that remain before the next scheduled elections.

Mr Peres put a brave face on it. As there had been no vote, he said, he considered he still had a mandate from the Government to go on working for the international peace conference. "If we cannot continue with the peace process honestly as well as responsibly, we should take it to the people," he said.

However, only the Knesset can agree to early elections and for the moment Mr Peres is at least five votes short of the 61 he needs for an outright majority required to pass the necessary law calling for a poll. Labour wants the elections in October, which gives Mr Peres until the Knesset summer recess at the end of July to obtain the support he needs.

In their effort to swing support behind him, the Foreign Minister's aides have leaked a considerable amount of detail about the three-part memorandum agreed with King Husain of Jordan about the conference.

This says it would be convened by the UN Secretary General, who would invite the five permanent members of the Security Council to meet on the basis of the UN resolutions which acknowledge the right of Israel to live within secure borders. The conference would then invite "geographical bilateral committees" to conduct direct negotiations.

A secret part of the memorandum said that the conference would not be able to impose any solutions or veto any agreements reached in the bilateral committees. This provision would have the effect of ensuring that the Soviet Union would be unable to interfere.

The situation in Israel was at the centre of discussions in Cairo on Tuesday, when King Husain met President Mubarak. The two leaders were reported to have hoped that Mr Peres would win an election this autumn.

Rough ride for Chirac in Moscow

From Diana Geddes
Paris

M Jacques Chirac, France's Prime Minister, arrives in Moscow today for what is expected to be a difficult two-day visit amid increasing bilateral tensions.

The expulsion of six Soviet spies from Paris last month and what is regarded as a negative French attitude to recent Soviet arms proposals have cooled relations, considered good during Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's visit to France in 1985 and when President Mitterrand visited Moscow last July.

The Soviet press has attacked the French Government almost daily for "taking the lead for Nato conservative circles against disarmament".

On Monday the independent Agence France-Presse news agency protested to Tass, the Soviet agency, after the latter had accused three AFP correspondents in Moscow of being "intelligence service agents or people inculcated with hate toward the Soviet Union".

M Chirac, who is due to meet Mr Gorbachov tomorrow, is not expecting to come away with many concrete achievements. "We need to know exactly what the Russians want, not only regarding disarmament, but also in regard to regional and social problems, human rights, the right of people to self-determination," he said.

US surgeons make transplant history

Living American gives heart

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

US surgeons have carried out what they believe to be the world's first heart transplant from a live donor in a unique three-way combination of organ donors and recipients.

Working from 5pm last Sunday to 10am on Monday, surgeons from John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, removed the heart and lungs from a car accident victim who had just died.

They then placed the organs in the emptied chest cavity of a cystic fibrosis sufferer, aged 28.

In turn his healthy heart was transplanted next to the deteriorating heart of a third person suffering from congestive heart failure. Both patients were listed to be in critical but stable condition, the surgeons announced on Tuesday.

Mrs Peggy Couch, wife of the heart transplant patient Mr John Couch, aged 38, said she was delighted and "very grateful" to Mr Clinton House, the cystic fibrosis patient whose heart was placed in her husband's chest.

The complex transplant operations began when the shock trauma centre of the University of Maryland hospital called John Hopkins Hospital on Sunday afternoon to say that a car crash victim, aged 32, had just died and his organs were available. His name was not disclosed.

Surgeons said that the elaborate operations were necessary because both the heart and lungs need to be transplanted as a unit in cystic fibrosis patients to achieve the best results.

Mr Couch and Mr House were at home at the time and had to be rushed to John Hopkins. Meantime, surgeons went to University of Maryland Hospital, about four miles away, removed the car crash victim's heart and lungs, packed them in a special refrigerator and took them back to John Hopkins by ambulance.

Mr House, his lungs swollen by cystic fibrois, had his chest opened and both his heart and lungs removed. For about 15 minutes while a heart-lung machine kept him alive his chest was a gaping hole. Then the lungs and heart from the crash victim were inserted in his chest.

Mr House's diseased lungs were discarded but his healthy heart was transferred to Mr Couch. It was implanted "piggy-back" next to Mr Couch's original heart.

Dr William Baumgartner, director of Hopkins' heart-lung transplant programme, said the unusual three-way surgery did not signify a medical breakthrough, but he added that it was unique.

Tug may revisit scene of the grime

From Charles Bremner, New York

The 5,000-mile odyssey of Long Island's wandering rubbish barge appears to be drawing to a close — back where it started.

The way home was cleared for the tug Break of Dawn, when the town of Islip, New York, decided on Monday to enlarge its rubbish tip and put an end to its national embarrassment. For the past month the US has been treated to daily reports charting the voyage of the tug and its barge, Mobro, which set sail in March with 3,200 tons of rubbish.

The tug's captain, Mr Duffy St Pierre, has become something of a national hero as he has plied the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico in search of a home for the rubbish. Six states and three Caribbean countries have refused the barge and the Mexican Navy and Air Force were used to prevent it approaching the Yucatan coast. The barge is now off Georgia.

"If it comes back, we'll take it," said Mr Frank Jones, Islip's mayor. But Mr Lowell Harrelson, who was paid to remove the rubbish, is resisting a return to the scene of the grime, as he would have to pay Islip $40 a ton to take it back.

Space centre visit by Gorbachov kept quiet

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, and his three top defence officials spent three days earlier this week visiting the main Soviet space centre at Baikonur, in the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan — but news of the trip was released only yesterday.

The importance of the trip, which prompted a spate of diplomatic rumours in Moscow because of the Kremlin leader's unexplained absence, was underlined by the fact that Mr Gorbachov was accompanied by Marshal Sergei Sokholov, the Defence Minister, Mr Viktor Chebrikov, head of the KGB, and Mr Lev Zaikov, the Communist Party Central Committee Secretary in charge of military industries.

Tass, which broke the news early last night that Mr Gorbachov had visited the space launch centre said that the purpose of the visit was to inspect equipment for the first Soviet space shuttle.

Western scientific experts believe this may be launched later this year to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Senior US officials have expressed fears that the shuttle programme could be used for military purposes.

Last night, Western diplomatic sources said this appeared to be the clear indication of the Tass decision to announce that Mr Gorbachov was accompanied by such a high-level military team. In the past he has gone to great lengths to emphasize the claimed peaceful nature of the Soviet space programme.

90 Soviet judges lose jobs in courts purge

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

The Soviet Union's notoriously corrupt and inequitable legal system has become the latest target for the reforms of Mr Gorbachov, himself a law graduate and one of the few members of the country's ruling Politburo since Lenin to have a legal background.

Mr Boris Kravtsov, the Justice Minister, disclosed yesterday that during 1986, 14 Soviet judges were dismissed from the legal profession, 76 were moved from their posts and a staggering total of 837 were found administratively liable for incompetence.

In an interview with *Pravda*, the minister said that it was now time to ensure that legal workers who could not withstand "pressure from outside" were banned from the courts.

Elections for new judges from leading attorneys, legal advisers and other senior officials will take place on June 21; elections for lay assessors were already under way.

Under the present legal system two lay assessors sit with every judge and should, in theory, play an equal role in reaching a verdict. In practice, the assessors often bow to the opinion of the judge.

Mr Kravtsov's revelations follow calls for a crackdown on widespread abuse in the police force and the judiciary. A new law is now being drafted to strengthen legal rights of ordinary citizens, and public suggestions are being considered to increase the number of lay assessors, or even reinstitute the 12-strong juries abolished after the Revolution.

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Kenya's tarnished rights record

Lawyer challenges Nairobi over detentions and torture

From Paul Vallely
Nairobi

Four separate summonses alleging the illegal detention and torture of two prominent lawyers, a university lecturer and a carpenter, were issued yesterday on Mr Matthew Muli, Kenya's Attorney General.

The action, a direct challenge to the Government, came as increasingly serious violations of human rights are tarnishing the reputation of one of Africa's most stable democracies.

The victims are alleged to have links with the Mwa-Kenya underground opposition group. But many observers believe that even the mildest critics of the Government now risk arrest.

The four summonses are being served by a young Nairobi lawyer, Mr Kiraitu Murungi. His senior partner, Mr Gibson Kamau Kuria, announced in February the plan to sue the Government on behalf of three detainees. Two days after he served the official notice in court, Mr Kuria was arrested. He has been detained without charge ever since.

The documents give specific examples of systematic torture by beatings with whips, cudgels, rubber straps and the confinement of naked victims

"One prisoner said he was told he would be tortured until he became a cripple"

in cells filled with cold water. Increasingly well-substantiated rumours of such behaviour by the Kenyan Special Branch have for some time disturbed Western diplomats in Nairobi.

Amnesty International and the US State Department have both called recently for an investigation into reports that more than 70 illegally detained suspects have been tortured.

So far, the Government has refused to discuss the matter, but President arap Moi earlier this month promised a "clean up" of the police force. Yesterday, on a visit to Stockholm, the Foreign Minister, Mr Elijah Mwangale, repeated the promise.

The documents issued yesterday claim that Mr Mukaru Ng'ang'a, a former university lecturer, was unlawfully detained for 90 days during which he was regularly placed, naked and alone, in a cell where the floor was covered in water for between four and seven days. The soles of his feet began to rot. He was beaten by up to eight police officers at a time and told that he would be "tortured until he became a cripple unless he agreed to confess to a false charge, in which event he would be released".

Only when three months of this treatment did not break, him was an official detention order signed, direct from the Office of the President, under the Preservation of Public Security Act. This now allows him to be held without charge or trial indefinitely.

One summons claims that Mr Wanyiri Kihoro, a leading Mombasa laywer, was held for 74 days of similar treatment before a detention order was signed. He was denied food and sleep for periods of up to a week.

Another lawyer, Mr Mirugi Kariuki, the documents say, was beaten by 11 policemen who crushed his testicles. He was sprayed with high-pressure water as his cell was filled in what is now known in Nairobi as "the swimming-pool treatment". He has been denied drugs for a long-standing illness and, being refused clean water, was forced to drink water from the cell which was contaminated by his faeces and urine.

It is alleged that a fourth prisoner, Mr Stephen Wanjema, a carpenter, was tortured to death. He is the third man known to have died recently in police custody. His widow is suing the Government for refusing to carry out the required inquest and for damages, including burial costs.

Behind these four public allegations lie a substantial body of similar charges. Local lawyers, journalists and church leaders, who asked not to be named, estimate that over the past 12 months several hundred suspects have been arrested. Most have been released after prolonged questioning, but refused subsequently to reveal what happened while in custody. At least 80 have been illegally detained for long periods.

One Nairobi lawyer, too afraid to be named in *The Times*, said: "The pattern seems to be that with those

"At least 80 have been illegally detained for long periods"

people they are determined to get, they torture them until they secure a confession. This apparently happens in the basement of Nyayo House, the Special Branch headquarters in central Nairobi. Then the prisoners appear in court.

"They are not usually represented by a lawyer and the case is not listed in the usual way. Often they are held late in the day after court business has normally ended. On occasions when a lawyer or journalist is seen in the vicinity the case is mysteriously adjourned."

Another well-placed observer said: "Suspicion is increased by the fact that they appear almost always before the same magistrate, Mr H.H. Buch, and the prosecutor is nearly always Mr Bernard Chunga, the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions. The charges are usually not very serious – taking an illegal oath or failing to report the existence of a subversive pamphlet. Almost always, the defendant pleads guilty and the case is over in 15 to 30 minutes."

A Kenyan journalist said: "On two occasions the defendant has pleaded not guilty and then been returned to police custody. A few days later they were back in court to plead guilty. Only those who refuse to make a false confession are then served with an official detention order. There are 11 people officially detained."

Observers are puzzled by the lack of a common denominator among the 80 people. They include lawyers, university lecturers, businessmen, journalists, former MPs, a doctor and factory workers.

But the case which has caused most disquiet amongst educated Kenyans is that of the lawyer, Mr Kuria. Two days after his arrest the Law Society issued a statement to all government departments expressing its "grave concern". A writ of habeas corpus secured the issuing of an immediate detention order. Officially he was accused of "conducting himself in total disrespect for the head of state".But government officials leaked to local journalists the claim that Mr Kuria was a member of MwaKenya, a notion dismissed by lawyer friends.

Yesterday Mr Joseph Okwach, the society's chairman, said: "We are anxious to obtain from the Government an assurance that nobody is being picked up solely for exercising their professional duties as an advocate. Anything other than that would undermine the foundation of the rule of law." But other lawyers are sceptical as to whether any such assurance would be meaningful. Many are already refusing to take on human rights cases.

Mr Kuria who read Civil Law at Oxford and has lectured in law at the University of Nairobi for more than 10 years, filed a case against the state once before over illegal detention.

In 1984 he sued for the release of two former MPs and two former university lecturers. His application was dismissed but the men were freed later in the year.

Enrile protests at poll 'cheating'



Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the former Phillipines Defence Minister and a senatorial candidate, harangoing a crowd of 3,000 outside the Commission on Election building in Manila yesterday.

The rally was called to protest against alleged election cheating by supporters of President Aquino (David Watts writes from Manila).

"There has been a change in the people but not in the system," Mr Enrile shouted to the cheering crowd that held aloft banners denouncing administration cheating, carried coffins denouncing the death of democracy and wore black arm bands. "We must work hard to help democracy survive. The country did not expect it to die this soon."

Though any irregularities bear no resemblance to those under former President Marcos, several candidates told *The Times* of vote-buying and missing electoral tally sheets to record votes during counting.

A few hours after the rally, as the official count continued, a bomb was found and safely defused inside the Commission building.

According to unofficial results Mrs Aquino can look forward to a sweeping victory in the Senate and a strong showing in the House of Representatives.

Direct rule adds to problems facing a beleaguered Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Whether or not they agree with him, Indian commentators are uninanimous that Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, has taken a serious gamble by dismissing the elected Government of Punjab, and submitting the strife-torn state to direct rule from the centre.

In claiming, as his ministers have, that life had become impossible for the citizens of the state because of the depredations of the terrorists, he now takes direct responsibility for an improvement in their condition.

Opposition parties accuse Mr Gandhi of having acted at this time simply to gain some electoral benefit in forthcoming elections in the neighbouring state of Haryana, and in Haryana too, Mr Gandhi faces a worrying gamble.

Weakened as he is by the swirl of scandal eddying around his administration, the Prime Minister needs to retain power for his Congress (I) Party in the Haryana legislature, and the voting will be a crucial test of his still unproven political skills.

Since his parliamentary landslide in December 1984, Mr Gandhi's party has not won a state election. Opposition parties have either taken or kept power in Karnataka, Punjab, Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, and West Bengal. Only in Jammua and Kashmir where the Government was formed by the National Conference, which had Congress support, could a claim for victory be made.

The Haryana election will be the first test for Mr Gandhi in the Hindi-speaking heartland of the country, which is Congress's natural constituency. If he is defeated he will lose, perhaps for good, his charm as an election winner.

The election will also be a test of his Punjab policy, and while his assumption of power in Punjab will no doubt reassure the mainly Hindu voters, he will also have to show results on other areas of vital interest to the Haryanvis, notably the dispute over Punjab's river waters.

The threat of scandal has kept Mr Gandhi's Government constantly on the defensive throughout the budget session of Parliament which has just ended. He has been beleaguered by three particular affairs.

The first is the Fairfax affair, which involved the Finance Ministry in the affairs of two rival textile firms, resulted in the calling in of a US investigative agency, and caused rumours about the involvement of people close to Mr Gandhi in dubious foreign currency dealings.

The second was the revelation of a £15 million pay-off to an agent in a deal for German submarines. These two farragos led to the forced resignation of Mr V.P. Singh, former Finance Minister and then Defence Minister, one of the few Cabinet members with a reputation for absolute honesty.

Thirdly, there are allegations made by Swedish radio of a large pay-off having been made by Bofors to win the contract to supply India's new field gun. This perhaps comes closest of all to Mr Gandhi, since he held the defence portfolio at the time, and was reported to have pressed the Bofors claim against a British gun already in service with three other armies.

The dispute over the powers of the President also continues, despite a public statement by President Zail Singh that he had no intention of dismissing Mr Gandhi's administration.

Mr Zail Singh is still pressing his claim to be fully informed on any matter he wishes, and is homing in in particular on the Bofors affair. The Cabinet has declared that there are matters that may be kept from him for security reasons, and that he has already been told all he needs to know.

While these disputes continue, Mr Gandhi's Government does not have the political strength to deal with two pressing foreign policy issues. A border dispute with China could be solved given a politically-powerful administration able to make a technical territorial sacrifice in the west in return for a secure and agreed border in the east. But such a sacrifice would at present raise an irresistible outcry against the Government.

Similarly, strong moves against the Tamil rebels operating in northern Sri Lanka from bases in south India are not possible.

Kaunda in Zambia bank purge

Lusaka (AP) – President Kaunda yesterday dismissed his Home Affairs Minister, Mr Cosmas Chibanda, and 13 Bank of Zambia officials.

He told a news conference that Mr Chibanda had "collapsed". He had "taken to the bottle too much" and was unable to carry out his duties.

The Bank of Zambia's Deputy Governor, Mr K.M. Lamaswala, its general manager, Mr Michael Mwape, and 11 others had been sacked after an investigation into alleged misconduct.

Dr Kaunda also appointed Mr Gibson Chigaga as Zambia's fourth Finance Minister in little over a year.

Murder charge

Gaborone, Botswana (AP) – Private Wabula Pehelo, aged 25, has been charged with murdering Mr Raymond Archibald, a British engineer, at a roadblock in northern Botswana.

New president

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Academy of Medical Sciences has elected 58-year-old Dr Valentin Pokrovsky, an epidemiologist, as its new president.

Iranians out

Cairo (Reuter) – Egypt has ordered the two-man Iranian Interests Section at the Swiss Embassy in Cairo to close and gave the resident Iranian diplomat, Mr Mahmoud Mohtadi, seven days to leave.

Fatima day

Fatima, Portugal (Reuter) – More than 300,000 pilgrims flocked to Fatima where three Portuguese shepherd children reported seeing apparitions of the Virgin Mary exactly 70 years ago.

Briton killed

Albany, Western Australia (Reuter) – Miss Susan Frost, a young British woman from Devon on a working holiday in Australia, has been found stabbed to death in a supermarket car park.

Groom switch

Bahrain (Reuter) – A wedding in Saudi Arabia took an unexpected turn when the bride's father, angered at the late arrival of the groom, married his daughter instead to one of the guests, a former suitor of the bride.

A Down Under view of Gadaffi



An Australian actor, right, lampooning Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, during a satirical television programme. Libya yesterday accused Australia of running a campaign of disinformation against it after the sketch was carried by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *The Dingo Principle* (Reuter reports from Canberra).

In recent months Australia has criticized some South Pacific island states over growing links with Libya.

● Aboriginal appeal: The Australian aboriginal activist, Mr Michael Mansell, said yesterday that he had asked Libya for help in raising the plight of Australia's aborigines at the United Nations (AFP reports from Sydney).

Mr Mansell last month attended a conference of revolutionary groups in Libya.

Australia cuts public spending

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Australia was last night confronted with serious public spending cuts which were an expected follow-up to last August's budget.

The latest dose of austerity on the road to economic rehabilitation was administered by Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, in a mini-budget which aims to reduce next year's deficit by A$4,000 million (£1,700 million).

The Government is trying to tackle a downturn due to a huge foreign debt and a deficit at the time of last year's budget which was running at 5 per cent of GDP. The mini-budget was also designed to get the bad news out of the way well before an election.

Mr Keating outlined a three-pronged approach to reducing the deficit to around 1.5 per cent of GDP – public spending cuts of $2,600 million, a sale of assets which is supposed to bring in $1,000 million and tax adjustments accounting for $400 million.

A spokesman for one of the biggest welfare groups said the mini-budget was "a savage blow for the poorest people in the community", while the Business Council of Australia described it as "a responsible effort by the Government". A trade unions spokesman saw both good and bad in the prescription.

Punjab police arrest Sikh militants

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Cracking down hard on Sikh militant groups, the Punjab police yesterday arrested 217 people. In a pre-dawn raid a minister in the state Government which was dismissed on Monday was also picked up. A list of 400 names has been prepared for arrest, according to the state police chief.

The minister, Mr Prem Singh Chandumajra, had been first among those ministers criticizing the Punjab police chief, Mr Julio Ribeiro, and he was arrested "on apprehension of a breach of the peace". He is president of the youth wing of the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal.

His arrest was immediately criticized by the former Chief Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, who said it was done to substantiate false charges against his Cabinet members by the Indian Home Minister.

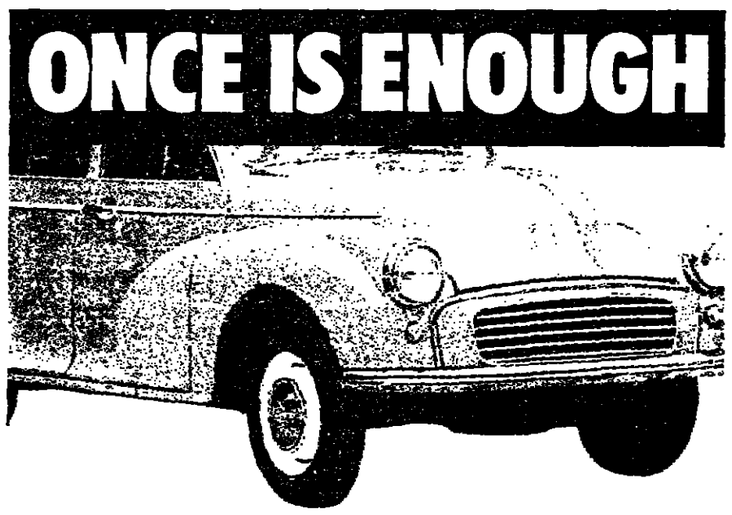
Mr Ribeiro said those arrested included 37 members of the Sikh Students' Federation, 38 members of the extremist breakaway United Akali Dal, and 35 people from the Damdami Taksal, the organization formerly led by the terrorist holy man, Mr Jairnail Singh Bhindranwale. The rest, he said, were "bad elements".

Mr Ribeiro declared: "We will be able to deal with the terrorists much better now that no one will be able to escape the law in the name of political patronage."

Militants were reported yesterday to have left the sanctuary of the Golden Temple of Amritsar, for fear that it would be raided by police. The temple was, however, crowded by worshippers anxious to celebrate the birthday of the Lord Buddha which fell yesterday.

Mr Ribeiro also warned that there was a danger of hit-and-run attacks in the next few days as militants reacted to the imposition of President's Rule in the state. The forces at his disposal have been beefed up with the drafting in of 10 battalions (around 6,000 men) of paramilitary police.

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Athens fails to prove Cyprus invasion theory

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Systematic efforts by the left in Greece to give weight to its favourite political myth – that the United States and Britain condoned, if not instigated, the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 – seem to be failing.

An all-party parliamentary committee, set up 10 months ago by the ruling Socialists to create a "Cyprus File", after questioning more than 80 witnesses has found plenty of evidence to suggest that the US and Britain tried to avert a war between Greece and Turkey, but no proof of collusion.

It was the committee's last two witnesses who brought its existence back into the limelight.

Like phantoms from a past best forgotten, George Papadopoulos, the former dictator now in jail, and Dimitrios Ioannidis, his security chief who deposed him and is also in jail, denied that they had acted as stooges of the Americans.

A favourite theory of the left, which many Greeks espouse, is that the Americans encouraged the junta to seize power in Greece in 1967, and later induced Ioannidis to attempt to kill President Makarios of Cyprus, whom they dreaded as a "Mediterranean Castro", assuring him that Turkey would not budge.

"If I were an agent of a foreign power, as you claim ... I would certainly have been rescued from jail long ago, as others were when we were in power," a defiant Ioannidis told the 30-member panel in a reference to Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, who was set free by the junta after energetic American lobbying.

If anything, the accounts of the junta leaders showed how naively they had misjudged their foreign policy options, culminating in the coup by Ioannidis against Archbishop Makarios to punish him for betraying *Enosis*, the union of Cyprus with Greece, and thus triggering the Turkish invasion.

Ioannidis, who refused to testify, in a hand-written nine-page account distributed to the press, blamed the US for talking the Greek chiefs-of-staff out of the massive attack he had ordered against the



President Makarios: victim of a Greek-backed coup.

invading Turkish force. The Athens junta disintegrated two days later.

Earlier, the select committee questioned Greek Army officers then serving in Cyprus who claimed they did not resist the Turks because orders from Athens said Turkey was either bluffing or exercising.

Some of them, under persistent questioning from Socialist and Communist panel members about Britain's role, suggested that helicopters from HMS Hermes had ferried supplies to the Turkish forces and that documents showed the British had known of the Turkish invasion plans at least a week in advance.

The British argument that the helicopters had been evacuating British citizens stranded in the north was not heard.

One committee member said: "We were even told that the pilot of a Turkish jet fighter downed during the invasion turned out to be British.

"But when the wreckage was located, it was clear that the crash pre-dated the invasion."

Democracy was restored in Greece four days after the Turks landed in Cyprus but Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the leader of the National Unity Government, then obtained the consent of all the party leaders that the "Cyprus File" should not be opened for undisclosed reasons of national importance.

It can now be revealed that the main reason was that the findings of an investigation might have vindicated the Turkish decision to attack, namely that the junta planned to proclaim *Enosis*.

Another reason was that a proper investigation would have exposed serious weaknesses in Greek defence at a time when the danger of Greek-Turkish conflict persisted and that the principals might try to evade responsibility by laying blame on the Americans

The question is where the committee goes now.

Will its Socialist majority be tempted to use the inquiry to try to discredit the Conservative opposition for putting the lid on the "Cyprus File" for so long?

Left-wing members are pressing for the respected former President Karamanlis, the pillar of the Conservative camp, to be summoned to explain why he did not despatch troops to Cyprus but let the Turks extend the area under occupation.

At the time, Mr Karamanlis said that because of distance, Greece could not help Cyprus without risk to its own security.

However, some left-wingers are keen to have him summoned, relying no doubt, on the fact that in Greek perceptions even witnesses are guilty until proven innocent.



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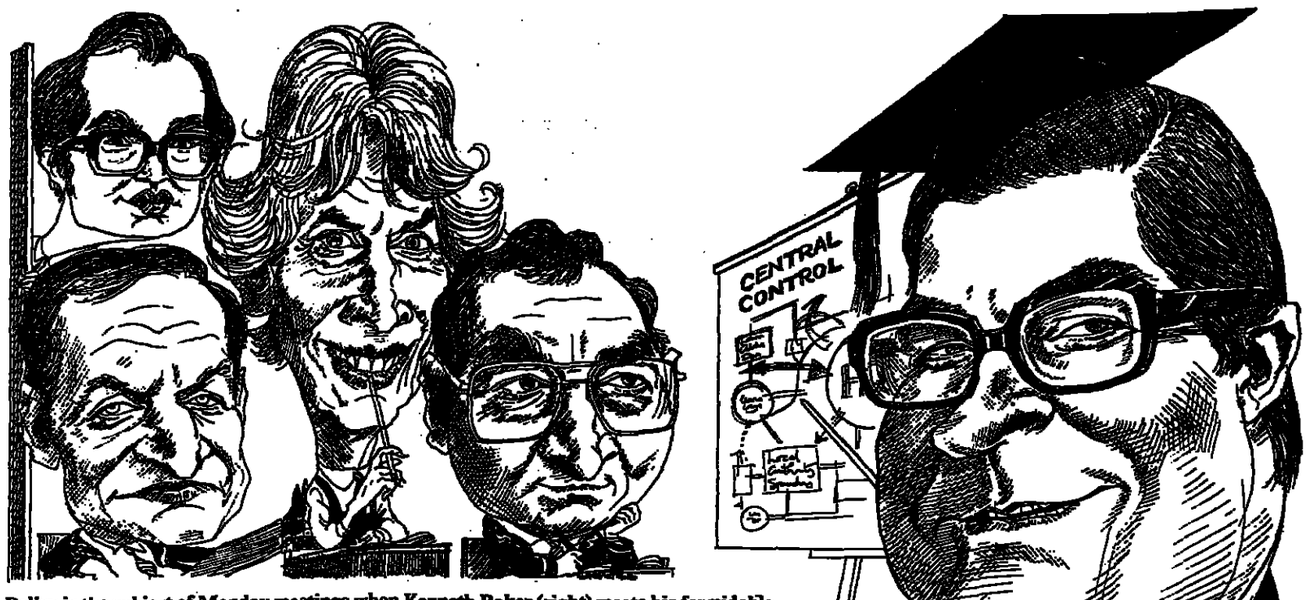
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With a year's planning behind him, Kenneth Baker is poised to make sweeping education reforms if the Tories win the election

Shows promise, should go far

THE TIMES PROFILE

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Policy is the subject of Monday meetings when Kenneth Baker (right) meets his formidable team of David Hancock (top left), George Walden, Angela Rumbold and Bob Dunn

There was a shock waiting for Kenneth Baker on the day he was appointed Secretary of State for Education and Science a year ago next week. He learnt for the first time that pupils studying for the new and much vaunted school-leaving qualification, the GCSE, would be able to pass it without taking a single examination.

According to one of his colleagues, Baker nearly fell off his chair when he heard that schools could choose syllabuses which allowed 16-year-olds to be judged entirely on "continuous assessment".

The Secretary of State's idea of education is rooted firmly in his own experience as a schoolboy in the late 1940s at St Paul's, a selective and academically rigorous fee-paying school in west London, where everyone wrote end-of-term examinations.

The news about GCSE confirmed a view that the Prime Minister had already impressed on him — that the Department of Education had become a law unto itself, run by a coterie of senior civil servants whose hostility to grammar schools was matched only by their deep personal commitment to the "progressive" notions of education favoured by the Labour Party of the 1960s.

Among those sitting across the table from Baker at that memorable first meeting were two civil servants, one representing the department's past and the other what Baker fervently hoped would be its very different future.

Significantly, the one who confidently chose the chair directly opposite his was not the more senior of the two. Sir David Hancock, the Permanent Secretary, but his deputy, Walter Ulrich, a muscular intellectual who had effectively run the department for most of the previous 10 years. It was he who had "sold" the GCSE to Sir Keith Joseph, Baker's predecessor.

Ulrich, who had the reputation of making less clever ministers quail, retired at the end of March, the day before his sixtieth birthday. The Permanent Secretary moved gratefully into Ulrich's chair.

Sir David, who was appointed four years ago at the age of 49, has spent most of his career in the Treasury. He belongs to a new breed of permanent secretaries, selected for their managerial and financial skills rather than their knowledge of the subject. Although he can seem cold and shuns publicity, his colleagues praise his quickness and enthusiasm.

Baker had not come to the meeting unprepared. Recovering from his surprise about GCSE, he promptly delivered a bombshell of his own. He said he wanted to introduce an entirely new type of school.

Disarmingly, he admitted he had not worked out any of the details, but his requirements were that they should be "technology" schools, sited in inner cities, free from local authority control and drawing on outside funding. Now would the officials please go away and prepare him a paper?

What followed is described as a classic example of the Socratic dialogue that is supposed to take place between ministers and their senior civil servants. In a series of meetings, according to the officials involved, they helped Baker to clarify what he really meant. The trick, they say, is to indicate the unpleasant consequences of a proposal without giving the minister the impression that they are unshakeably opposed to it.

For example, did the Secretary of State, by insisting that the curriculum have a technological bias, mean pupils should not study history? No, said Baker, horrified, that was not what he meant.

Did he, then, want the schools to be selective, and, if so, did he remember how much parents had disliked the 11-plus? Baker was ambivalent: he did not want to reintroduce the 11-plus but on the other hand he did want to exclude pupils who were not "committed".

In that case, said the officials, did he realize that the schools would be swamped by middle-class children whose parents would bus them in from every corner of the metropolis? Baker said that was not what he intended, so the officials came up with the idea of a carefully drawn catchment area.

In the end, Baker was so pleased with what emerged that he went on television to announce that his new city technology colleges were to be a prototype for the entire state system: centrally administered, depending on a direct grant from his department, with local powers devolved to each school's governing body.

Nothing more clearly illustrates the revolution that is engulfing Elizabeth House, the cheap and charmless glass-and-concrete box outside Waterloo Station that houses the department's 800 policy-making officials and symbolizes their traditionally low place in the Whitehall pecking order.

Their status was the result of a curious constitutional anomaly: the Butler Act of 1944, in a reverse of harlotry, gave the department responsibility for, but not power over, education in England and Wales. Education was to be a national service, locally administered.

It is an arrangement that Baker is busy overturning with the enthusiastic help of his officials. If the Conservatives win on June 11 he will introduce a new Education Act to provide the legislative framework for the most comprehensive education reforms in more than 40 years.

Previous secretaries of state, including Mrs Thatcher, were able to do little more than exhort 104 local education authorities to conform to government policies in a narrowly defined area.

Now, thrust into the limelight by a three-year dispute over teachers' pay, energized by two radical secretaries of state, the department is preparing to assume virtually direct control over the education of 7.5 million children in 28,000 schools.

Having already worked out exactly how much each of 400,000 teachers is to be paid, as well as how each should spend every minute of the 195 days of the school year, the officials' next task is to oversee the committees that will lay down what all children should learn about which subjects and by which ages.

As well as inventing an entirely new type of school, they have redrawn the powers and composition of school governing bodies and are at present supervising the difficult birth of the GCSE, which is supposed to revolutionize secondary-school teaching.

Those and a host of other issues like teacher training, school closures and classroom initiatives on topics ranging from race and sex to drugs and computers are all matters likely to be discussed.

It is the department's most significant weekly ritual. Baker sits on one side, his back to the window, flanked by three ministerial colleagues. On his right is Angela Rumbold, the vivacious, tough-minded Minister of State who was once a champion of local authority control when she ran education in Kingston-upon-Thames.

Next to her sits Bob Dunn, a junior minister who owes his four years in the department principally to the link he provides with right-wing educationists and the Tory backbenches. Baffled by Sir Keith Joseph and oppressed by Walter Ulrich, he is said to have been rejuvenated by the new, free-wheeling atmosphere at Elizabeth House. George Walden sits on Baker's left. A former diplomat, he is the most dauntingly educated member of the Government, having studied at Cambridge, Moscow, Hong Kong, Harvard and Paris. Angry, impatient, sometimes bored, he provides much of the intellectual argument that underpins Baker's unrivalled political instincts. The four make a formidable team.

Across the table, Sir David Hancock is surrounded by his deputy secretaries. They include Nick Stuart, a pipe-smoking young mandarin who, as the son of a former BBC correspondent, is noticeably more at ease with the media than his colleagues, and Philip Halsey, an austere former headmaster who has spent more than 20 years in the department.

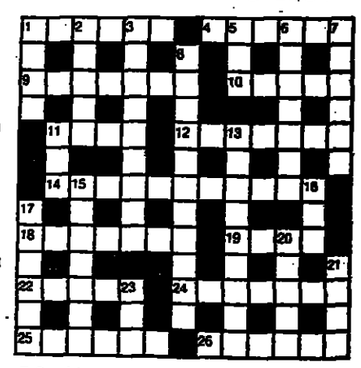
Schools are not their only topic of conversation. The department is responsible for overseeing the entire further and higher education system. Student numbers, their grants and loans, lecturers' pay, freeing polytechnics from local authority control, stemming the brain drain, retraining adults, introducing vocational qualifications: all are likely to be raised at the Monday meetings.

Education, the civil servants admit, has been like a glorious party since Baker arrived. They say the headache will come when the department has to start delivering his promises.

Civil servants will have to show that they can run a large part of the system better than the local authorities, knowing that if they fail to deliver a measurable improvement in standards there will be no one else to blame. Baker, however, knows that he can achieve little without the enthusiastic co-operation of the teachers. And he has never seemed further from securing that.

John Clare

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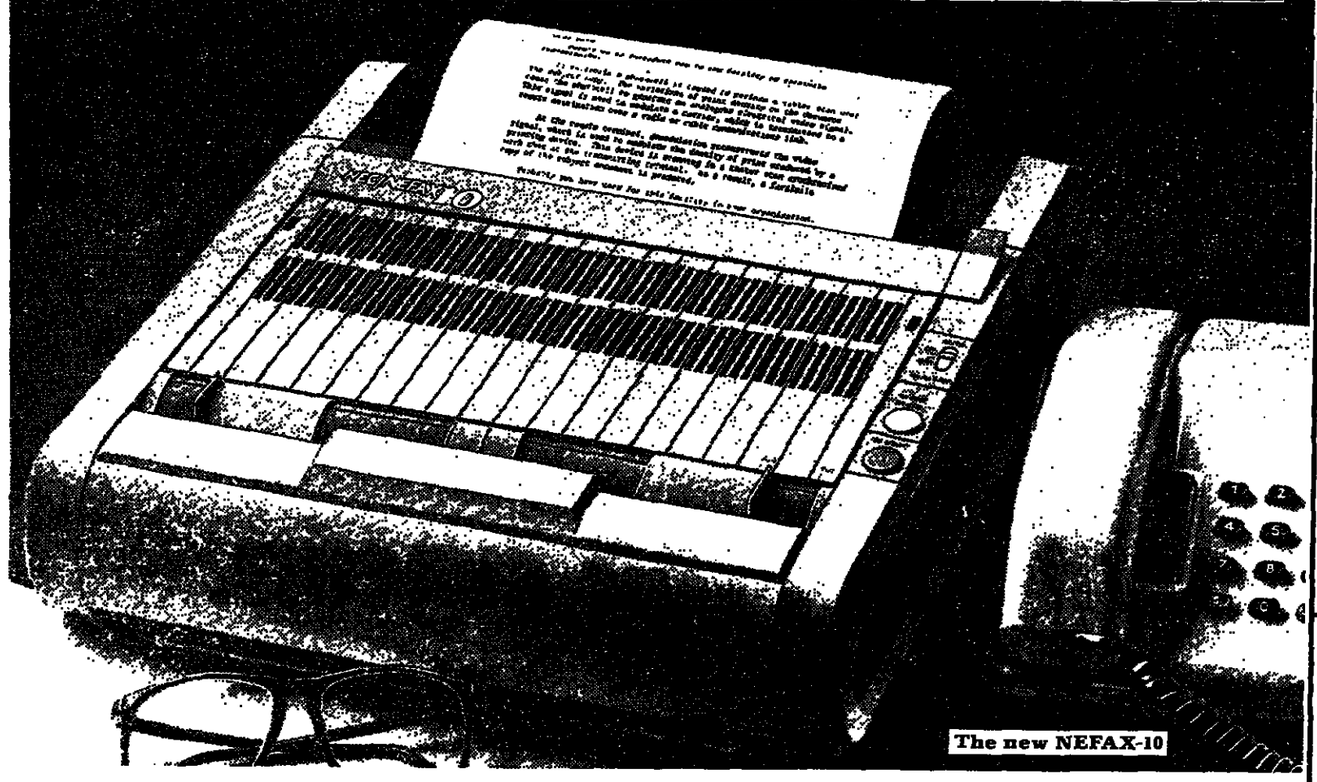
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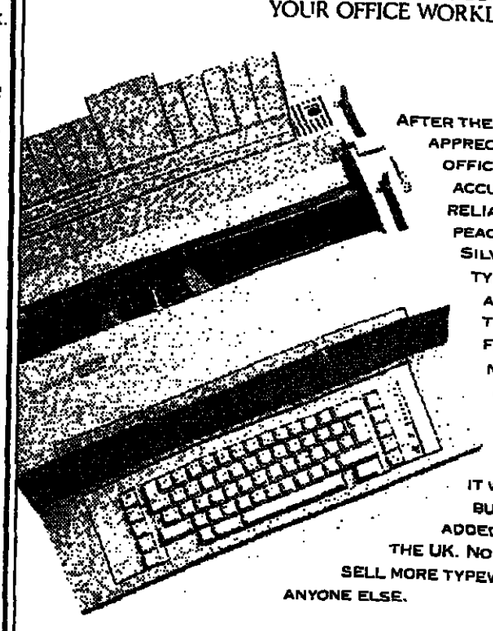
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Facing up to the sun trap

With the trend towards more than one holiday in the sun each year, Liz Gill asks if the growing concern over skin cancer is a scare story — or should we be heading for cover?

Are you an upwardly-mobile professional who escapes to the sun for at least two holidays a year? Do you have a fair complexion, tan slowly and burn? If so, you could be turning yourself into a human sacrifice.

The link between over-exposure to the sun and skin cancers is now firmly established, and while a tan might make us look and feel radiantly healthy, the medical reality is that it does us no good at all. What is of particular concern is the increase in the incidence of the more sinister and fast-growing malignant melanoma, which affected 1,000 Britons last year.

The suggestion that skin cancer could be described as a yuppie disease comes from Professor Rona MacKie, consultant dermatologist at Glasgow's Western Infirmary, who says that it tends to strike the young managerial class who spend most of the year indoors but can also afford more than one Mediterranean holiday a year.

She identifies four skin types, ranging from Type One, who never tans and burns easily, through to Type Four, who tans easily and almost never burns. "Type Ones should, I think, abandon the idea of even trying to get brown. They should settle for being pale and interesting," she says.

"There is a danger with something like this of being too dramatic and having overkill, and then people just say: 'Oh that's ridiculous', and forget about it. So in a nutshell, if you are one of the lucky ones who tans easily and never burns, we don't yet have evidence to say you should stay out of the sun."

For Twos (tans with difficulty and burns usually) and Threes (tans easily and burns rarely) she recommends caution, high protection sunscreens, limited exposure and above all, avoidance of burning, which does the most damage.

"The trouble is that people tend to think that they can change their skin types. I accept the psychological benefits of sunshine; after all, we know how people like the Finns suffer medical depression in their long winters, but benefits are to be found in fresh air and outdoor activity, not in a sun tan."

The danger stems from the sun's ultraviolet rays — precisely the rays needed to promote the tan. Such rays are more intense in the middle of the day, in summer, and the nearer one is to the Equator. They do not relate to the brightness of the day or its heat.

There are two kinds of skin cancer. The malignant melanomas tend to attack the usually unexposed areas of the body, particularly, for reasons not yet understood, men's backs and women's legs. MacKie's figures showed twice as many women as men suffered, again for reasons which are still unclear.

The other kind, the non-melanomas, are much more common, affecting 10 times as many people, and are relatively slow growing. They have usually been found on older people, on outdoor workers like farmers and sailors, and among Caucasians in countries such as Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. With the latter type of skin cancer, the risk increases for every hour exposed to the sun. With the former, it is the short, sharp bursts, especially when accompanied by burning, that increase the risk.

Both types have a high cure rate of about 90 per cent if caught early enough: the problem with the first type is its speed of growth. Treatment involves minor surgery to excise the growth, with a skin graft if the area is large. Once a growth is invasive, however, specialized cancer treatments like major surgery and chemotherapy are needed, and the cure rates drop substantially.

Danger signals would include rough red or brown irregular patches on the skin, the emergence of a new black mole or any change in an existing mole, such as bleeding or irritation. Dr John Hawk, consultant dermatologist at St John's Hospital for Skin Diseases in London, says that "rates for the malignant melanomas are going up all over the western world. The increase has been fairly rapid over the past 10 years.

"However, it is good fun being outside, and I'm not saying we should all stay indoors. My advice would be moderation in all things."

He warns of the risks of exposing children to too much sun. "They've got a greater risk, because they've got longer for it to develop. If you let them have lots of severe exposure, you increase their risk of developing the disease as young adults."

A tan is, in fact, the result of damage to the skin, damage which also manifests itself in signs of ageing: wrinkling, dryness and looseness. "Of course there are people who want to tan today and are prepared to look old at 40 tomorrow," MacKie says. Lotions do afford protection to a greater or lesser degree, according to their sun protection factor, and she believes manufacturers deserve praise for the advances they have made over the last decade.

"I used to burn all the time. Now I can use a high protection cream and enjoy myself." She believes it would be even more helpful to the consumer if sun protection numbers were standardized and compared scientifically; at present there is no guaranteed similarity between the same numbers of different brands.

Now that most people can afford a two-week package tour, the fashion pendulum may swing again. There is already some indication that the deep mahogany look is already passé, but MacKie believes that complete reversal is expecting too much.

"You get *Vogue* or someone saying the look is going to be much paler this year, but frankly I don't think it means anything to the average teenager who wants to go a dark brown. There is still the notion that a healthy lifestyle must be accompanied by a tan."

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Palefaces: zinc-based sun blocks offer maximum protection for sensitive areas (above), but fair skins should consider a total retreat from the sun

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Scan for a defence

"Disgrace of former judge", a headline in *The Times* on May 9, summed up the general view on the conviction of Vivien Price QC, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of driving while disqualified and one of attempting to pervert the course of justice. But doctors who read the court report recognized immediately the classic symptoms of a slow-growing cerebral tumour in a man who is not a villain, but seriously ill.

When Professor Goldberg, of Manchester University, saw the case notes, he was able to give a diagnosis of organic brain disease, without waiting for confirmation from a brain scan. The scan showed that Price had two tumours, both cystic and both non-malignant. One, a subdural hygroma, was slightly smaller than a billiard ball and was pressing on the brain's surface; the other, a porencephalitic cyst, was in the brain tissue itself; together they had caused a marked increase of the pressure within the skull.

A quarter of all brain tumours are first detected as a result of character changes within the patient. The usual history is that a hitherto respectable person becomes increasingly scruffy in appearance, antisocial and bad-tempered. Price's previous career epitomized respectability. He was as tidy as would be expected of an ex-naval officer, he had degrees from Oxford and Cambridge, was a keen family man and successful at the Bar.

The first public exhibition of his changed character was a conviction in 1985 for a VAT offence: as might be expected, people close to him had noted subtle changes earlier, and some colleagues had commented on an increasing lack of care in the way he dressed.

Subdural hygroma and porencephalitic cysts usually form as a result of minor head injuries; they fill with liquid slowly, often over a period of years, but can be drained and can be prevented from reforming by surgery to the covering of the brain. Price will be restored to health, but in his rehabilitation he will have to contend with the destruction of his professional life and the loss of his self-respect and that of his legal colleagues.

Tube talk

At a time when women are urged to prepare for pregnancy by giving up alcohol and tobacco, taking plenty of rest and having additional folic acid vitamins and other minerals, they are bound to wonder about the effect on the unborn child of the procedures to which the ovum and sperm are subjected during *in vitro* fertilization (the test tube baby procedure).

A conference in Norfolk, Virginia, was told by Professor Jean Cohen, of Paris, and Dr Saunders, of Sydney University, that *in vitro* fertilization did not in itself increase the chances of having a deformed baby. Any apparent increase in the instance of congenital malformations, spontaneous abortions and premature deliveries, was related to the age and medical problems of the mothers who needed to conceive in this way.

Hospital Doctor magazine reports that at the same conference the delegates discussed the latest advances in overcoming the problem of male infertility by injecting a single sperm into an ovum; in one experiment, five out of seven eggs were successfully fertilized when the sperm was first incubated in a strontium medium, and then washed in a calcium medium.

Dr Alan Trounson, of Monash University, Australia, stressed the need for caution and further research, so that any genetic disadvantages of the doctor, rather than nature, choosing the successful single sperm, could be properly evaluated. Even the healthiest semen contains a large number of sperm that are abnormal in form or in activity.

Dr Trounson's team have shown that using freeze-dried ova in mouse experiments results in a three-fold increase in chromosomal abnormalities.

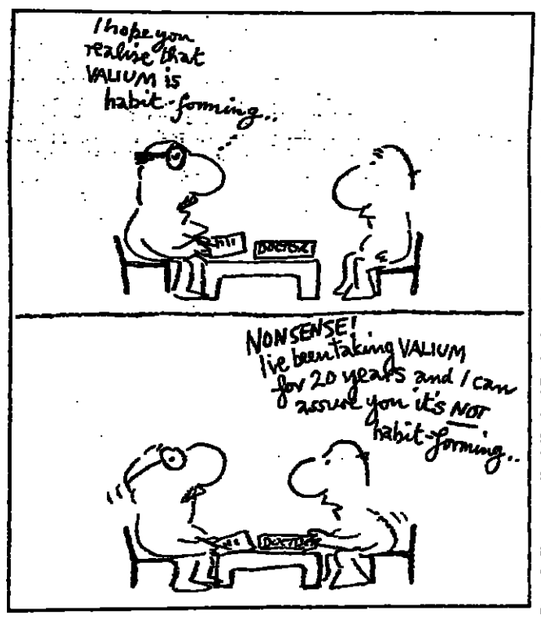
Shock waves

Doctors in two London centres are becoming increasingly skilled in the use of shock waves delivered by a lithotripter to pulverize kidney and ureteric stones, so that the patient can pass them naturally and thereby avoid major surgery. Edinburgh and Manchester will soon have their own units.

Mr John Wickham, a consultant urologist who works with lithotripters at St Thomas's Hospital and at the London Stone Centre, is quoted in the medical magazine *Pulse* as predicting that before the end of the summer, lithotripsy will be being used to treat some types of gall stone at the London Stone Centre.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Calman's SICK NOTE



Broken heart surgery

The psychiatrist is becoming a vital aid for an estimated 6,500 patients a year unable to cope after a traumatic divorce

How do you mend a broken heart? There is no medical terminology for the condition, no plasters to stick it back together again. Yet marital breakdown is ranked second only to the death of a much-loved spouse in the stress league — far above, for instance, unemployment or imprisonment — and men are the hardest hit by divorce, according to a research team at Brunel University.

In the two years following a divorce, heart attack and suicide rates are significantly increased. People are 65 per cent more likely than usual to consult their GPs during that period. Other research suggests that between 2 and 5 per cent of those with post-divorce problems will need to see a psychiatrist.

Dr John Bonn is a field surgeon on the battlefield of divorce. As the consultant psychiatrist in charge of the Stress and Anxiety Unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, his work has convinced him that marital breakdown can lead to mental breakdown. His patients suffer from severe depression or extreme tension. They can't work, sleep, eat, or cope with the everyday world. Yet what so many of them have in common is a particularly traumatic divorce.

What is especially alarming is that these men and women had no previous history of psychiatric illness. "These are ordinary people, not the insane," Bonn says. "When you compare their problems with those of demographically similar groups in the general population, you find there is no qualitative difference. It's simply a question of degree. What I see are the most extreme reactions.

"Certain personalities are more prone. For instance, the very dependent, insecure types, or those who have very rigid habits or behaviour. But these are all traits that fall well within the range of *normal behaviour*, that might even be advantageous in some circumstances.

"Divorcees feel they've lost status, expectation, even their youth. Divorce is not socially acceptable, despite its frequency. People feel that they've failed, they feel guilty. It's similar to a bereavement, except that the other person is not dead, which in a way prolongs the problem — even more when there are children, because it's harder to break free, to make the emotional divestment. Society has evolved a process for dealing with bereavement — the ritual of a funeral, the idea of mourning — but there is nothing like that for divorce."



Dr John Bonn: surgeon on the battlefield of broken marriages

> 'For the divorcee it is like a bereavement, even though the other person isn't dead'

Part of his treatment may include getting patients to acknowledge and mourn the loss of their marriage. "People will do a lot to avoid feeling depressed because depression is so debilitating, and they build up all kinds of defences, like anger, bitterness and resentment. They don't want to acknowledge that what they have lost was once so good. But sometimes it has to get worse before it can get better. "We tackle the negative feelings, deliberately looking at the other side. If people feel angry, we get them to cast their minds back to times when they weren't angry."

Such therapy is part of a 12-week course, which includes a return to physical well-being — with emphasis on nutrition, recreation and relaxation — and short-term medication where necessary. Diaries are kept, and feelings discussed.

He sees about as many men as women, but says that men are in a much worse state by the time they get to him. Significantly, 75 per cent of men need anti-depressant drugs, as opposed to only 25 per cent of women.

"Women have far more support systems, especially if they have children. It's still more acceptable for them to admit they need help. For men the advice, even from health professionals, is still often 'Pull yourself together'. A lot of men don't tell anyone close to them that they've even been divorced. Often a GP refers them here without knowing about the divorce.

"If they tell their friends the response is often, 'Oh, aren't you lucky to be free and one of the boys again.' The man may be feeling bloody, he misses his wife, his kids, he's going through a very unpleasant experience, but he's expected to say he wants to go out and have a party. So the men tend to have more serious symptoms by the time they get here, because they've let it go on longer."

Bonn believes our adversarial legal process worsens the stresses, and he would like to see more conciliation, not reconciliation, in the system. He is also familiar with the syndrome of the divorced couple who keep meeting up again, often for a sexual fling. "It might be to obviate despair, or again it might be part of the denial that the separation has happened."

He accepts that bad marriages cause ill-health too, and that once over, the participants get better very quickly; but those are not the people he sees. And with divorce currently running at the rate of 160,000 a year he cannot see his case-load diminishing.

"I'm not suggesting we make divorce harder. Perhaps we should make marriage harder, or at least start educating people about it rather more."

Olivia James

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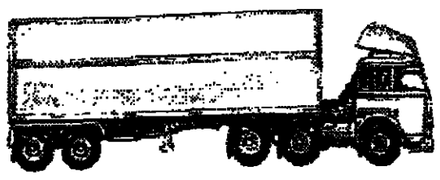
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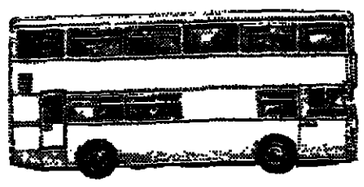
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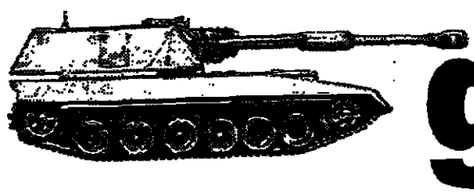
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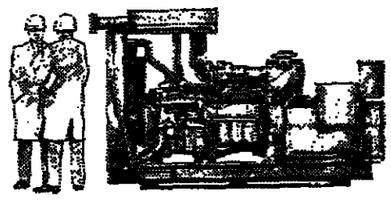
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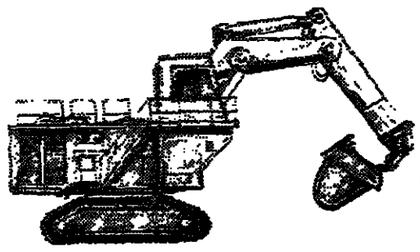
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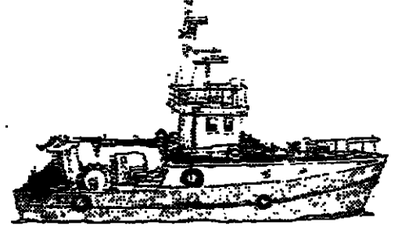
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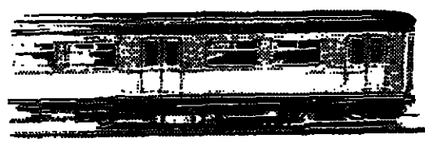
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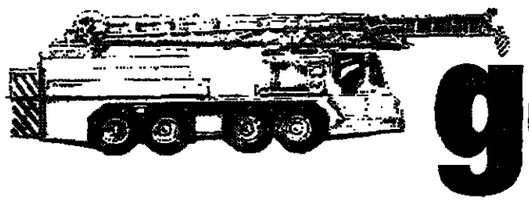
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BOOKS

The death of a Utopia

Jonathan Meades reviews a generation of dummies

ROOSEVELT'S CHILDREN
Tomorrow's World Leaders and Their World
By Edward Mortimer
Hamish Hamilton, £12.95



Here is a fat example of what's almost a genre — the betrayed liberal's stumble through the rubble of the better world he was brought up to expect. And in the rubble he finds, just as his father's generation found in the ruins of Essen and Berlin, the many holding their heads and wondering what went wrong, and the few getting on with it — selling their daughters for a packet of cigarettes, peddling camshafts, revelling in the potent forces of an untrammelled market. The better world was born the year after the author, at Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks — happy sylvan names, promises of a dappled future, ogre-free and ordered: this was the world that for Mr Mortimer and his contemporaries, the titular children, was supposed to be the norm. Its disappearance, and the attrition of internationalism, and the breakdown of the multilateral systems that supported it add up to nothing less than the death of a quasi-utopian programme.

This subject is a big one, too big, apparently, for most of those who are portentously listed as this book's *dramatis personae*. Actually they are interviewees, and the book is the book of a telly series — a fact that it shamelessly neglects to dissemble. Its structure is determined by the stock telly convention of an opinionated narration with pertinent "visuals" (gleaming shopping centres for economic recovery, festering bodies for central African tyranny) interspersed with talking heads that amplify and illustrate whatever case it is that's being argued. Fine: the problem is that many of the heads are not merely talking, they're in the throes of logorrhea, and it spatters all over the page. Those interviewed fall into two groups: a) the men who attempted to fashion the post-war world, who believed in the IMF and the UN, and who made them motor; b) Mr Mortimer's contemporaries who are now shaping up to take power or, in the case of Neil Kinnock, not take it. The star turn is Brian Urquhart, the former Under Secretary General of the UN. This is not surprising, for Urquhart is the man who after being assaulted in the anthropophagic Elisabethville of 1961 sent a telegram that read "Better beat than eat."

He is similarly pithy here and talks more sense than the overwhelming majority of his juniors put together. He avers that the UN was established to cope with a world that no longer existed, that of the early 30s, and he rues what he calls the "national provincialism" of today's leaders. This trait, which is, if you like, the "theoretically" sanctioned personal selfishness of the late 80s inflated to state size, forms an antagonistic bond between the most improbable countries, and fosters a sort of International Darwinism, something that the more gung-ho free marketeers on display here positively relish; they *know* that fiscal prescriptions don't work.

They know that aid goes to plenish the dictator's wife's wardrobe. They can see that just as the UN was strong on built-in obsolescence, so were the resolutions and prospective effects of Bretton Woods, pleaded in the House of Representatives as though they were Ezra Pound's crazily absurd reductions of Social Credit. They constantly evince a smug hermeticism that is graceless and slight beside Urquhart's grand and unpompous ability to discern patterns on a global scale. This hermeticism is not just the lot of the newish right, however; it contaminates an entire generation of western politicians. Now, it may be that Mr Mortimer has manipulated his subjects, or that he has succumbed to the temptation to edit their observations, so that irrespective of party or persuasion they acquire a homogeneously narrow vision, but I doubt both; they go for own goals without being pushed, these people.

Their references, their enthusiasms, their influences are exclusively political; they are wittingly formed by politics and politics alone; they have rendered politics as yet another specialization; they are refugees from the wider civilization into which they were born; they are frighteningly preoccupied with "style" and packaging (witness the adulation of Castro and Kennedy); they form a caste apart, and, no matter how mutually belligerent they may be, they have more in common with each other than with what Mr Mortimer calls "ordinary people". This is an epithet, like Toniben's "ordinary working man", that usually smacks of laziness and patronization. But Mr Mortimer has, perhaps unbeknown to himself, got it right: these are not ordinary people, but nor are they *extra*ordinary. Rather they are super-ordinary. They are not leaders although they may be about to be *the* leaders. They are led. They are joiners. Their capacity for the retention and rehearsal of old, received, and thieved ideas is wonderful.

You can ascribe this uniform narrowness to the informational overkill that television has prompted: the world is so rucksacked by facts that it's impossible to work out what really matters. Or you can ascribe it to the *Zeitgeist*, which is merely a way of recognizing man's inevitable tendency to copy, and to adhere to a notional consensus, out of fear and "peer pressure", i.e. fear of one's peers: a grown-up and grave hangover from the childish resolve not to be different. Or you can step up a notch, and shrug, and mutter that after a period of determinist Pelagianism the wheel is bound to turn towards free-form greed and self interest.

Whichever the case, Mr Mortimer has performed a selfless service — how wearisome it must have been to listen to these people! — in exposing the paucity of thought of his political coevals. He is modest enough not to state the glaringly implicit conclusions that politics has not attracted the better brains of his generation; that these better brains have settled for extra-governmental endeavours: that this collective abdication by the zippy cells — occasioned no doubt by their prescient perception that even a qualified utopia was bound to break — has been a failure of responsibility, of duty. They have no one but themselves to blame for having passed the fate of the western world (in so far as that world is divisible from the others, which are now so close we can smell their breath) into the hands of presentation artistes and maquillage consultants. Next time round Mr Mortimer should listen to the ventriloquists, not the dummies.

The matter of Spain

FICTION
Philip Howard

JOURNEY OF THE WOLF
By Douglas Day
Max Reinhardt, £10.95

FIRE CHILD
By Sally Emerson
Michael Joseph, £9.95

THE WRENCH
By Primo Levi
Michael Joseph, £9.95

PALAIS-ROYAL
By Richard Sennett
Faber, £10.95

THE LAST ROMANTICS
By Caroline Seebohm
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10.95

Journey of the Wolf is a deceptively simple story. Sebastian Rosales, El Lobo, who fought well on the wrong side in the Civil War, sets off to walk home to his native pueblo in the Alpujarras, the remote region in the southern slopes of the Sierra Nevada in Andalucia. He is a peasant who has been in exile for 34 years, and he wants to go home. So he walks out on his bossy French wife and family, and crosses the Pyrenees.

But home is another country now, and besides, the wench he loved in the war is dead. Sebastian is as obsolete as El Cid in the modern Spain of tourism and unbanization, of deafening pop and undignified behaviour, of lost nobility. His rediscovery of the harsh country alternates with his memories of the bitter defeat of the Republican armies. It is the land, not the people, that pulls him back. There are no causes or ideas in the land: it takes people and their damned *thinking* to come up with reasons for men to kill one another. Spain is the protagonist: and the past still haunts the present; as Sebastian makes his way surreptitiously home, Admiral Carrero-Blanco is assassinated. The story of the centripetal pull homeward on the much-enduring man is an old one, but it is still heroic. This is the first novel of a good American writer who lives in Spain. It gets to the matter of the Civil War more accurately and more nobly than the sentimentalities of Hemingway.

Fire Child is a chilling novel about two young London loners who are mad, bad, and dangerous to know. Tessa is a beautiful but malevolent nymphette who enjoys only the power that sex gives her. Martin is a pyro, and megalo, and I dare say other kinds of maniac. In a modern suburban version of a classic myth, the man who killed Tessa's father, and lusts terribly for Tessa, is coming back to marry her mother. The shocking action takes place during September in and around Highbury Fields. The story is told through alternating short diary entries or streams of introspection by Tessa and Martin. They are Platonic halves of wickedness, liveliness, and the hell of losing hope that have come together, with incandescent results. Sally Emerson is good at catching the appearance of faces, the feel of place, and the tone of voice. She has a nasty mind; but she writes well.

The Wrench is a collection of linked short stories about that neglected topic for fiction, which takes up half our lives: work. The tales are told between a didactic Italian rigger (of cranes, pylons, bridges) and a taciturn industrial chemist also from Turin, who writes like an angel (as does Primo Levi). They meet in messes and dormitories in remote postings from Alaska to India to a Gulf State to the lower Volga. They tell each other about the mysteries of their jobs, from the monkey who wanted to become a rigger, to the day that the Russian anchovies got into the enamel. Not since Conrad, Kipling, or Henry Green has anybody written so well about work, so that we are fascinated by the principles of a suspension bridge or a chemical formula. A socket wrench to a rigger is what his sword was to El Cid. Freedom and pleasure are being good at your job. Primo Levi is brilliant at at least one, and I guess both, of his jobs.

Palais Royal is a superior historico-philosophical set in Paris and London starting at about the time and milieu of that haunting film, *Les Enfants du Paradis*, and continuing for a half-century of intellectual ferment and spot-the-celebrities from Liszt to Brunel. One English brother is an architect exploiting the new building materials of iron and glass; the other is a clergyman losing his faith, and becoming a scribbler. They write incredibly long letters, diaries and articles. I found the beautiful acuress more fun. But: intelligent, and interesting about work from building arcades to acting.

The Last Romantics are four young women who were up at Somerville in the 60s, and meet again now in a sort of *Maidenhead Revisited*. Our greatest university is a perfectly sensible place to be romantic about. But if you are in that line of business, you should not make so many mistakes of fact, and tone. Item: I doubt that the English soccer "squad" in the 60s included a place-kicker. And the jokes should be witty, not twee.

Elimination of a scapegoat

Alastair Hetherington

AN AFFAIR OF STATE
The Profumo Case and the Framing of Stephen Ward
By Phillip Knightley and Caroline Kennedy
Cape, £12.95

It *was* a "moral issue", or a series of moral issues, to borrow from the title of William Haley's most memorable leading article in *The Times*. He wrote it five days after John Profumo's resignation from the Government, in June 1963. Until it appeared, Harold Macmillan as Prime Minister looked like riding the storm yet again. But Haley's long leader — damning the years of Conservative rule that had "brought Britain psychologically and spiritually to a low ebb" — echoed what a number of Conservatives themselves felt.

Why rake over the bitter memories? The justification for a new book on the subject is that it presents new and more detailed evidence, arguing that Stephen Ward was scandalously hounded by the police. It points accusing fingers at Henry Brooke, then Home Secretary, and at Sir Joseph Simpson, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police; also, to a lesser extent, at Lord Denning and the findings of his judicial inquiry.

Ward's character is well described in the book, and he is the central figure throughout. He was an osteopath with great talent, and he had another gift as a portrait artist. He was gregarious, amusing, and good company. He was also promiscuous, unreliable, and ready to find attractive prostitutes for his wealthy or aristocratic friends. Lord Denning's inquiry found Ward to be an accomplished but utterly immoral man — and one in sympathy with the Soviet regime, though no more than that. Although Denning is criticized by the book's authors — primarily for not making clear that Ward had been employed by MI5 — it must be said that their account bears out Denning's conclusion.

For once MI5 itself comes out of the affair quite well. It recruited Ward in 1961 to assist in setting a "honey trap" for Yevgeny Ivanov, a Soviet military intelligence officer in London. Ivanov was a friend of Ward's and through him also of Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies; and MI5 saw Ivanov as a potential defector or double agent. Profumo was also asked by MI5 to help trap Ivanov — a rare case, one may suppose, of such an approach to a Cabinet Minister — but he refused.

In March 1963 Profumo made his personal statement to Parliament that there had been no impropriety in his relations with Miss Keeler. The book says that Macmillan did not believe him but, found it expedient to support him. Again the evidence is thin. Then, during the Whit holiday when Macmillan was away in Argyll, Profumo decided to resign and admit that he had lied. Macmillan responded coolly, the more because it seemed highly improbable that there had been any security risk. But Haley's leader in *The Times* and the Commons debate a few days later left Macmillan much depressed.

Well before Profumo's resignation, the police were harrassing Ward in their search for evidence with which to prosecute him. Ward's patients were interviewed, and bit by bit his orthopaedic practice was ruined. Mandy and Christine were put under pressure to give evidence, resulting in contradictory statements at various times, and Mandy Rice-Davis was arrested at Heathrow on a flimsy charge which was later dropped.

But who instigated it and why? The authors blame Henry Brooke and Sir Joseph Simpson. "The initiative," they say, "clearly came from Brooke." The object was to silence Ward. But these assertions are speculative and not backed by any testimony.

As to the wider context, Haley was in some ways right and in some wrong. He was instinctively against many of the liberal reforms of the 60s, which *The Times* ought to have welcomed. Yet the leader "It *is* a moral issue" remains a powerful statement. In the election the Profumo affair was not an issue. Haley stood back from supporting either Labour or the Conservatives, but finally called for "the largest posible Liberal vote".



Ward goes to court: putting a brave face on things

Windy passion: We're English

George Steiner

JEAN RACINE:
Britannicus, Phaedra, Athaliah
Translated by
C.H. Sisson
Oxford, £15

There are eminently reasonable men and women, and not in France alone, who regard Racine as the only playwright in modern western literature on a footing with Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. The implicit challenge to the supremacy of Shakespeare is obvious. It is by no means a mandarin challenge. There is scarcely a play by Shakespeare without dispensable patches, facilities, repetitions. Take a single line out of *Berenice* or *Phaedra* and the perfect economy, the totality of means to dramatic and psychological ends, is destroyed. More than 20,000 words tide through Shakespeare's bustling, contingent, non-philosophic world. Roughly one tenth make up Racine's idiom: yet its depth and sombre verity reach into spheres — metaphysical, religious, political — which Shakespearean drama largely excludes.

A handful of bold spirits in the Anglo-Saxon poetic and critical tradition have felt this to be the case (T. S. Eliot among them). But few have put the argument. Since Thomas Otway's adaptation, *Titus and Berenice* (1670), which is still in many respects the finest we have, the gap has been almost unbridged. In part, this is an obvious matter of language. Like Dante, who is his true peer, Racine makes the music of his every word exactly and irreplacably consonant with the taut, pellucid motion of his thought. As in Dante, again, the terror and the imensity of crisis are coiled, spring-like, in utmost concision. There is no milimetre of waste motion; and it is on waste motion that the translator relies. But language is only part of the story. The Shakespearean ideal comprises marching woods, tempests, exits followed by bears. In the art of Racine, a man and a woman facing each other in an unfurnished room embody the last mysteries of joy or of despair; a grammatical shift from *vous* to *tu* heralds finality. Something primary in Anglo-Saxon sensibility balks at such ceremonious asceticism.

The consequence has been one of the most radical acts of non-communication in western culture. *The Divine Comedy*, Goethe's *Faust*, even Pushkin are, more or less, in English-speaking and "feeling" reach. Not those passionate wonders of human conflict and insight entitled *Andromaque* or *Athalie*. Will C.H. Sisson's translation help to bring about a new hearing?

Sisson renders the original into unrhymed four-beat Alexandrines. In Racine, as in Dante or Pope, rhyme is a quintessential enactment of meaning. He adopts a no-nonsense vocabulary (Junia in negligée) where the taut magic of the French lies precisely in its reserve. Sisson's *Phaedra*, the acid test, has neither the free-wheeling but suggestive wildness (and no drama is more open to the winds of unreason) of Robert Lowell's version, nor the cunning, affectionate reconstitution of Tony Harrison's "imitation". It plods in pedestrian Latinity. Sisson is, indeed, an authoritative and frequent translator out of Latin; Racine's genius is Greek. Nevertheless, this sample, which helpfully includes Racine's preface, can serve as a loyal facing-page crib or trot. Put the French on the other side and C.H. Sisson is, where you feel the need, a reliable auxiliary. On that count alone, gratitude and a touch of hope are in order.

Comic apocalypse

SCIENCE FICTION
Tom Hutchinson

THIS IS THE WAY THE WORLD ENDS
By James Morrow
Gollancz, £10.95

The comparison with Kurt Vonnegut is inevitable. There is the same antic disposition to humanity's self-inflicted pain and fable-turning to reveal our grossest inadequacies. But Mr Morrow does not wear his hurt quite so obviously on his sleeve, and the narrative never gets so out of control as does later Vonnegut.

Everyman, in 1995, is George Paxton, Unitarian and tombstone-engraver, who wants a Self-Contained Post-Attack Survival suit for his small daughter: the apocalypse seems imminent. To get that suit he signs a paper admitting his share of nuclear guilt — as someone who let it happen — for what is to come.

It arrives. And George finds himself on trial before those who had lived and died and whose lives had thus been made worthless; and the unborn, whose lives will now never be of any worth. It all ends. Frankenstein-like, in ice.

Mr Morrow's technique is to make us laugh so that we should not weep. But I have not been so moved by an SF novel for a very long time. Mankind's epitaph, which George engraves, seems only just that bit more than the whimper the title implies: "They Were Better Than They Knew. They Never Found Out What They Were Doing Here."

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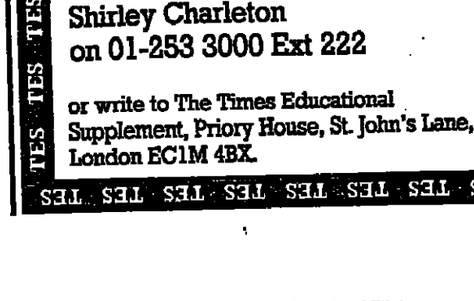
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Topolski toppled

Chariots of Fire ideals at Oxford University's boat club have finally been crushed by the end of Dan Topolski's reign as head coach. After a season of fearsome wrangling between Oxford tradition and American professionalism, the charismatic writer, who brought success to the Dark Blues in 12 out of 14 years, is hanging up his training megaphone. American Christopher Penny, elected as the club's new president last week and one of the five internationals who opted out of the Oxford crew for this year's race, has failed to reappoint him. Topolski told me yesterday: "I'm very sad to be leaving the crew in such terrible shape after 15 years, but coaching has not been a great pleasure recently. In fact it has been a pretty bruising three months, but I suppose it will be lovely not to be rushing to the river." At any rate he will now have the chance to trace the route of Marco Polo, as one of the Americans suggested he do, just before Oxford's victory.

Whistled off

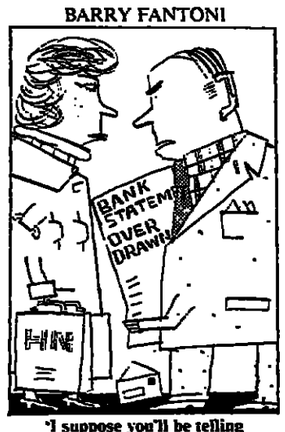
Magistrates' clerks up and down the land will be bitterly disappointed by the failure of the Civil and Public Servants' Association to take up cudgels on behalf of footballing types who want paid leave to play in inter-department competitions. The South Yorkshire lads in the Lord Chancellor's office had said it was a disgrace that they had to use up their "meagre" (22 to 30 days) annual holiday allowance to play in up to 10 matches all over the country. The motion, due to be debated at this week's Blackpool conference, was dropped because the 900 delegates took too long thrashing out paid leave for members who want to celebrate Ramadan, Yom Kippur and Diwali.

● **It was York Minster all over again when the building in Singapore where the Anglican Consultative Council was meeting last week was struck by lighting. Lifts, lights, telephones failed and the word processor crashed. The Almighty didn't like the minutes?**

Benn's room

I fear I have to weaken Tony Benn's case for a better room in the Commons. Now perched beside his kettle in a small windowless office, he has been asking the Commons authorities for better accommodation after the election on the grounds that he thought he would then be the longest serving Labour member. Yesterday, however, I took Benn through the arithmetic and proved to his satisfaction that Michael Foot beats his 33-year record by some three years. To be fair, Benn's 33-month break between 1960 and 1963 (caused, as he puts it, by "the peeerage nonsense") was of neither his nor the voters' making. What's more, Benn has been elected 15 times, in 11 general and four by-elections. "You would normally need to have entered the Commons in 1931 to fight that many," he told me, his eyes still on that room.

BARRY FANTONI



"I suppose you'll be telling me it has something to do with the Sultan of Brunei"

Unshaken

Peter Brooke, a junior Treasury minister, yesterday came up with a phrase that almost ranks with Sir Robert Armstrong's "economical with the truth". Fielding questions on EEC spending from the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, he appeared to fail to respond to one enquiry. Asked how his silence and movement of the head were to be interpreted, Brooke peered over his half-moon glasses and said: "I believe I was using an American silent assent."

Rival show

While the Labour Party is entering the heart of the fray, what will Britain's trade union leaders be doing on June 9, two days before the election? Gazing at fashion models at a Savoy Hotel show, that's what. The TUC yesterday confirmed that general secretary Norman Willis was planning to keep his promise to judge the British Clothing Industry Association awards that day. Models will sport working apparel ranging from boiler suits to waiters' tuxedos. A spokesman for the show says that despite the election announcement, none of the other judges – including Ron Todd, Eric Hammond and Roy Lynk – had pulled out.

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Bring on a peer for spearing

by Patrick Cosgrave

The constitution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is not, as is agreed on all sides, immutable. There are those would reform it wholesale – by, for example, abolishing the House of Peers, a vital part of that constitution. There are those would reform that House piecemeal – by, for example, turning it into a sort of American Senate, a body simply with a different electorate from that of the House of Commons.

There are various intermediary positions. When the present Lord Wilson of Rievaulx was first prime minister he engaged – at arm's length, to be sure – with Mr Edward Heath to procure a reform of the Lords (let's now give them their more popular, if not historically accurate, title) which would have given the prime minister of the day the power to appoint, for the duration of a parliament, a number of peers sufficient to ensure him a majority on any given piece of legislation.

Poor Lord Carrington (deeply worried about the unrepresentative nature of his House) and poor Mr Crossman (always delighted by any opportunity of fiddling around with the machinery of government) were the go-betweens. In what Lord Carrington later described as "an unholy alliance", Mr Enoch Powell and Mr Michael Foot scuppered the whole business by organizing the Commons against it, Mr Powell because he saw it as an offence against the sacrosanctity of the constitution, Mr Foot because he saw it as giving a prime minister unwonted powers of patronage.

This is by way of being history, if recent history: All citizens, I fancy, who take an interest in these matters are delighted when their peaceful lordships thumb a nose at the government – *any* government. Willingness to cock a snook is one of the charms of the Upper House. It is also one of its greatest uses. Next to prime minister's questions twice a week in the House of Commons, the activities of the Lords make up one of the best methods we have of reducing the sense of self-importance that attaches itself to any government, of whatever party.

However. Lurking behind all these proposals for reform lies something of rather considerable importance. It is the desire of successive governments to appoint ministers from the House of Lords, whether they are there for life or through descent, who are gifted for the purpose of their day.

Since Lloyd George's 1911 budget, and the kerfuffle that flowed from it, the Lords have had limited delaying power, and scarcely any hand, act or part in money bills. From 1911 down to the present day, moreover, the Commons has bitterly resented the appropriation to peers of important departments. It is not impossible; it has been done. Lord Home and Lord Carrington sat in the Upper House as foreign secretaries; Lord Young of Graffham today controls a crucial economic ministry from that exalted place.

Now, members of the Lower House naturally resent the ease with which, by heritage or appointment, men rise to positions of power which they themselves can achieve only after great striving. But there is another, and more substantial, point to that resentment. It is this.

If one questions a given department one has a minister at the end of one's pointed stick. But if one is questioning (and Question Time to anybody represents one of the surviving glories of British parliamentary practice) the number two in any given department, one cannot be sure where the responsibility lies, or where, in President Truman's immortal phrase, "the buck stops".

I have, therefore, a modest proposal.

Ministers of the Crown who sit in the Lords should be available for questioning in the Commons. It would be simple to organize. On a given day Lord Young, say, would come and stand at the Bar of the House and answer questions. It would do him (and others like him) no end of good to be exposed from time to time to the hurly burly of that place. He would not (and it is right that he should not) have to submit to the kind of procedural humiliation to which Mr Frank Cousins (in the first Wilson government) and Mr John Davies (in Mr Heath's 1970 government) were subjected to the point of despair, having arrived in this chamber late in life.

The best of the traditions of both Houses would be preserved. His relevant lordship would be answerable to the other place, and members in the other place could no longer complain that they were forced to cross-examine the monkey when they wanted to get at the organ grinder. The principle of direct ministerial responsibility in our parliamentary democracy has too often been honoured in the breach; my suggestion would honour it in the observance.

It may be objected that the Bar of the House is the place where folk accused of wrong-doing have been compelled to appear. But what, after all, is Question Time for any minister sitting in the House of Commons but a trial?

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Anne Sofer assesses the hard-left alienation of London voters

Labour's top danger zone

Nobody now doubts that the "London Left" is a major liability to the Labour Party, a greater danger than the Liverpool Militants ever were.

The Militant Tendency could apparently be isolated and then symbolically exorcised. (I choose the words "apparently" and "symbolically" with care; the vast majority of its members are of course still in the Labour Party). But the London Left is more amorphous and hard to deal with. Its members owe allegiance to a multiplicity of sectarian groups; they have not offended so obviously against the Labour Party constitution; they are firmly entrenched; and the idea of isolating the entire London Labour Party only has to be put into words to be seen as an absurdity.

The left is now in charge of virtually every London elected authority under Labour control. Lambeth was the first to fall victim to a coup from the left under Ted Knight in 1980. The GLC and the Inner London Education Authority followed in 1981. Hackney, Islington, Camden, Southwark, Lewisham, Greenwich and Haringey were captured in 1982. After the 1986 elections, Labour victories took Brent, Waltham Forest, Ealing and Hammersmith the same way. Only a matter of weeks ago there was a left-wing coup in Hounslow. Newham is teetering on the brink of a similar takeover; when that has gone, the borough of Barking and Dagenham, distant heir of the old working-class East End, will be the last outpost of the old Labour tradition.

Among London Labour MPs and candidates the trend is all the same way. Those who know the Greenwich Labour Party are not surprised that it has again selected Deirdre Wood, despite her humiliating defeat by Rosie Barnes of the Alliance in the February by-election. And although that earlier hard-left election loser Peter Tatchell is no longer on the scene, it is significant that his place as Labour candidate for Southwark and Bermondsey has now been taken by a supporter of Militant.

Many hard-left candidates are pledged to be "mandated" by their local parties on all House of Commons votes: they will not be bound by decisions of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Going through old papers and articles while preparing a book on the takeover by the London Left, I was struck by the completeness of the transformation. I found a copy of the minutes of a meeting, held in December 1980, between the leaders and finance chairmen of all the Labour London boroughs and Ilea: here, in one room, were most of the senior politicians of



Labour's London power base. Today it reads like a list of the heroes of the Russian revolution a few years into the Stalin era: within 18 months of that meeting, every person listed had either been deposed, pushed on to the back benches or deselected. I doubt that any political party anywhere in this country has experienced such a thorough obliteration of the past.

It has brought a changed political culture to London local government which some of the press comment about the "loony left" has, to my mind, got wrong. Despite the sense of zany liberation sometimes conveyed in the early days by the GLC, this new culture has developed its own thoroughly rigid orthodoxy.

One feature of this orthodoxy is that town hall jobs have now taken precedence over town hall services. Administrative jobs in particular have become more sacred than any other sacred cow. Under no circumstances may any be sacrificed: they come before efficiency, consumer satisfaction, fiscal prudence or even the council's solvency.

It is not only the numbers of workers that must be maintained or increased but the bureaucratic layers as well. A former GLC official tells a revealing story. When he joined the GLC there were five positions between himself and his departmental director. Over the years he was promoted six times – and when he left there were still five positions between himself and his departmental director.

To make matters worse, the bureaucracies themselves are subjected to a new and distinctly uncomfortable political pressure. Ideologically correct language, particularly in matters of race and sex, assumes an enormous importance on which promotion and political favour may depend. Officers are increasingly expected to be "politically committed".

If they are not, they may find themselves under scrutiny from those who are. When this sort of scrutiny is institutionalized as a "monitoring" function, it provokes considerable hostility – as the Brent "race spies" row clearly illustrates. But it is far more undermining when the political friends of councillors are dotted throughout the bureaucracy and nobody is quite sure who does or does not have direct informal access to the Labour group. Much of the demoralization in London local government is caused by this uncertainty.

It is this new climate that makes the London Left a phenomenon to be feared. It is a climate in which services and working relationships deteriorate. The quality of work carried out by council employees becomes increasingly a matter of negotiation – often rancorous and almost always unsatisfactory negotiation – rather than of professional expectation.

Strikes and disruption escalate in boroughs that have fallen to the hard left. This may seem an irony in that these politicians usually pride themselves on their progressive employment policies: better working conditions, crèches, time off with pay for union activities and so on. Yet either because left-wing employers are regarded as a soft touch, or because the Trotskyists have gained the upper hand in public sector unions in precisely those areas where the left also has the ascendancy in local government, industrial disputes become endemic. Camden council, for example, is currently engaged in 27 separate industrial disputes with its staff.

But to lay all the blame for the declining quality of public life in London on the Labour Party would be absurd. The Conservatives, we are told, are now turning their attention to inner city policy. And about time, one might be permitted to mutter cynically. Left-wing extremism has been nurtured by Conservative neglect of the inner cities over the past eight years – the slashing cuts in the housing programme, the closures of hospitals, the growing armies of derelicts and drug addicts sleeping in the streets. It is almost tempting to see the Conservative strategy as a form of psychological warfare – to reduce the victim to a state of sullen, demoralized despair, and then offer an illusion of hope.

Whether or not the policy has been as calculated as this, I have no doubt of the combination that has all but destroyed London. Monetarism tilled the soil, and Marxism scattered the seed.

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Austria's last hope: the Habsburgs

Vienna

As the isolation of Kurt Waldheim persists, a new, unexpected theme can be heard in the high-pitched whine that passes for nostalgic conversation on Viennese trams.

In times of crisis, most Austrians seek shelter in the past. For socialists, it is the golden era of Bruno Kreisky's prosperous and respected Austria of the 1970s. For others, it is the precision and posturing of the thousand-year Reich. More recently though, Austrians of every political hue have taken to discussing the benefits of a constitutional monarchy. Britain, they note with barely suppressed jealousy, could never have the problems that President Waldheim's Austria now confronts.

For the first time in decades, the political benefits of the Habsburgs is a subject of serious conversation among Austrians.

With perfect irony, while Waldheim anxiously faces his future in one corner of the Habsburgs' former Hofburg Palace, in a small set of rooms on the other side an exhibition is devoted to the life of the last Habsburg emperor, Charles I. It has proved so popular among both young and old that it has been extended.

Charles came to the throne in 1916 and despite a valiant effort to oursue a separate peace with the Allies during his brief reign, the verdict of history has been that he was a man who, when the situation arose, failed quite to rise to it. After two attempted coups, he died in exile in 1922 on Madeira. The Habsburgs were banished and archdukes were permitted to return to Austria only if they renounced their apostolic rights.

The emperor's son, Otto von Habsburg-Lothringen, the 74-year-old present heir to the Habsburgs' claims, is a European Member of Parliament and lives in Bavaria. Charles's widow, the Empress Zita, now in her 96th year, lives in a Swiss convent. A few years ago she returned to Austria for the first time since 1919 and was mobbed by crowds of well-wishers when she attended mass at a village church.

A powerful personality, despite her years, the empress, who never formally abdicated her titles or claims, holds the key to Austria's present dilemma. She is a woman of high morals and ascetic discipline who would make an ideal figurehead for any democracy. After her demise, Otto, an experienced politician, author of 24 historical and political books and of a weekly column appearing in 21 daily newspapers in five languages, could be entrusted to assume the responsibilities of head of state. He has two sons and five daughters.

All the Austrian political parties agree that the office of president should be above politics. Making itself a hereditary and constitutional archduchy (the title of empire would doubtless be dropped) would seal Austria's link with Western Europe, emphasize its historical ties with Eastern Europe and, perhaps most important, impart a new sense of morality into its political life.

A referendum, with a result no doubt overwhelmingly favourable, would ensure the family "ruled" with popular support.

Another benefit of the Habsburg restoration would be that the regrettable nostalgia of the Austrians for the days of the Third Reich would be replaced by a healthier awareness, long submerged by republican ideology, of an earlier, more creditable, past.

The Austrian army for example, many of whose officers believe their country's military history to begin and end with the Second World War, would be reminded of more glorious episodes. The least attractive military uniforms in Europe would be banished from the Hofburg along with sloppy drills and out-of-tune bands.

There would of course have to be checks and balances. The enfeebled aristocracy would have to be told firmly that it could expect no patronage unless it became a useful element of society.

A compromise on the Habsburgs' properties in Austria, confiscated by the republic after the First World War, would also have to be worked out. But the Empress Zita and her son are unlikely to allow material considerations to prevent their helping their country in a time of need.

There can be no doubt that Austria at present is desperately in need of some radical help. Those who voted in Waldheim as president are agreed that even if he is seen to be not guilty of war crimes, his presence is a severe liability for a small neutral country. "We cannot afford to be isolated again. In 1938 we were isolated and the Nazis annexed us," a staunch defender of Waldheim admitted.

In 1938, the then 26-year-old Archduke Otto wrote to the isolated Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg offering his services in "the interests of Austria". His offer was rejected and the Anschluss followed. In 1987, an older but equally honourable archduke should perhaps put pen to paper again.

Richard Bassett

Ronald Butt

How Thatcher can flaw them

The most important clue provided by the local elections to the likely outcome of the national contest was not the fact that the Conservatives did well, the Labour Party badly and the Alliance, overall, only reasonably. Though Mrs Thatcher needed this assurance it was not news; the national opinion polls had already announced it. The most revealing information conveyed by the local voters was in the remarkably good performance of the Tories in the Midlands and parts of the North, and in their significantly patchy performance in their natural habitat, the South-east and South-west, where a number of Tory seats are at risk to the Alliance.

The lesson to be drawn from the results in the Midlands is that the much changed Conservative Party now increasingly represents the aspirations of hard-working and responsible people in the categories which used to be described as working class. These are people who now believe that their welfare is better guaranteed by their freedom to work, earn and own in a society free of the levelling restrictions imposed by domineering trade unions in the name of protection. Many of them are now represented by unions and union leaders of a new kind, such as the EEPTU of Mr Eric Hammond, which has significantly announced that it will not fund Labour leftist candidates, and the AEUW of Mr Bill Jordan – two union leaders who show an understanding of the problems of management in their industries which could hardly be bettered in its realism by progressive managements themselves.

They and their unions are the evidence that we are on the brink of something new; the potential rejection by British working people of the old "two sides of industry" posture and their acceptance of a shared interest. In this, as in their patriotism, they speak for their members, as Mr Jordan has courageously done on defence policy at the Labour conference, unperturbed by the miasma of anti-patriotic hatred arising around him from the delegates.

I would guess that an increasing number of the members of these and other unions will be voting Tory in the coming general election, and that many others will vote Alliance rather than Labour. The fact that more of the Alliance gains in the metropolitan boroughs came from Labour than from the Tories suggests that in such areas the Alliance is beginning to appear in its natural role as the replacement of the Labour Party, rather than a convenient outlet for discontented Tories.

Yet in the South the Tories have not advanced comparably, and in some places are in serious danger from the Alliance. The explanation lies in the attitudes of certain sorts of middle-class voters, whose ideas were set rigid in the 1960s and '70s and who regard social morality as an operation in collectivism managed by the state. They have no doubt, for instance, that the economic orthodoxy of the Sixties and Seventies remains valid: that unemployment could have been cured if Mrs Thatcher would only have agreed to more government spending. They still believe that the risk of inflation from borrowing and printing money could be offset by an incomes policy, disregarding all the evidence from the past that this never works. They are naturally attracted to the Alliance as the only party still offering the incomes policy nostrum, and they also leave the impression of believing that working for a profit is not quite as respectable as working for a salary or a fee.

They are also natural planners, being sceptical about the ability of other people to take responsibility for themselves. They are more concerned to maintain the hegemony of the collective welfare state than worried by the fact that, because it is subject to the ebbs and flows of national finances under all governments, it has too often failed to deliver services to a decent standard. They are also, of course, committed to the social engineering of the Sixties and Seventies. It was they who invented the bureaucracies for imposing equal opportunities and racial equality, which are more divisive than healing, and they have no doubt that the huge comprehensive schools of the Sixties are good for everyone else.

It is those who hold to these ideas, and who deeply dislike Mrs Thatcher both personally and for overturning the dispensation which they had suppposed sacrosanct, who represent the greatest danger to the Tories. They are important because they have influence. In the universities, for instance, probably most academics are now the government's bitter enemies, because the former cornucopia of state funding (paid for by inflation) has stopped running over. They assume that the state was their natural guardian, are incensed that it has ceased to provide all the funds they think is their due, and they remain convinced that Keynesian economics would have provided an easy way out of the dilemma.

The case against the government is bad but it has a spurious attraction, and its advocates can be persuasively damaging. Perhaps the key statistic so far in this election is that the Alliance, according to the opinion polls, starts the campaign some 5 per cent higher than it did in 1983 and at the expense of the Tories, the Labour percentage being unchanged. The so-called moral argument against the government will be defeated only by exposing its moral flaw.

The linked promises to produce more jobs and better welfare are probably the two most important issues in this election. Mrs Thatcher has to persuade those whose minds are not yet made up, that the opposition parties' offers to create jobs and improve welfare by inflation-risking policies would eventually have the opposite effect, and once again sap civic morality. They have to be convinced that planning produces more wrong answers than right. Mrs Thatcher will win if she successfully attacks her opponents on the ground of their attack.

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Pulling the wool with a shade

According to our local inn-keeper, the four-posters in the Cotswolds are not groaning with as many transatlantic visitors as they ought to be. The sale of pink china piggy-banks in the gifte shoppes is not what it might be either. Last year it was Gadaffi's fault. This year I have an uncomfortable feeling that it is partly mine.

The root of the problem is a popular country sport not mentioned in the British Tourist Authority's compendium of quaint pastoral activities, and no wonder. For it is a reprehensible form of verbal village cricket, in which the natives simply slog points off gullible visitors by supplying them with items of convincing but fictitious local lore.

The art is to offer something which, while being outrageous, has a certain logical beauty. A quick mind and a straight face are essential, particularly if you are up against the French, who probably play at home. The Americans are normally pushovers, which is how the trouble started.

The season was opened by my friend Bryndley, who was asked by a Californian lawyer about the origins of morris dancing. He replied that "it rose spontaneously during tea breaks at the Cowley motor works." Not bad.

The next victory was claimed by a master of the dry witticism known as "The Wood Shop Man". He runs a temple of woodcraft and is normally to be found balefully surveying the hordes who flock into his premises to drool over the salad bowls, egg-cups, chandeliers, chopping boards, plate racks and all the other hand-crafted wooden objects beloved by upwardly mobile kitchen owners fleeing the age of plastic.

"And what are these?" queried an American lady, holding up a small bit of wedge-shaped wood; used for jamming under doors to wedge them open and stop them slamming.

"They are wedges".

"What are they used for?"

It was an invitation the maestro could not refuse. They are used for wedging, he explained. It's an old Cotswold game, still played at one or two village fairs. You can see it at Ascott-under-Wychwood after the welly-wanging. Trouble is, there aren't any really good wedgers about any more. The young people don't seem interested . . .

She bought a dozen.

My own ill-fated turn came as I sat in the sun outside my cottage on a recent Saturday afternoon, attempting to stick the fringe back on a lampshade, a job which has taken me three years to get around to. I wasn't wearing a smock and I don't have a beard, but I suppose I must have resembled one of those pictures in the tourist guides, showing honest cottagers at their doors, basket-making in Cirencester, potting in Winchcombe or spinning in Chipping Camden.

"Excuse me . . . Yoo-hoo . . ." I looked up to see a lady in dark glasses peering at me over the hedge with the triumphant expression of someone who has excavated a bit of living old England. "Excuse me, are you weaving something?"

I said I was mending a lampshade.

"Why are you doing that?" she said. The man accompanying her began to look uncomfortable, as though he had suffered previous experiences of his companion's drive to seek out local curiosities.

So I explained that it was what we call "Lampshade Saturday", a day in spring when people take off all their lampshades to repair and clean them after their long winter usage. It dated, of course, from the days of smoky oil lamps, but we keep it up even though we have just got electricity . . .

"Just like us back in Idaho with the drapes on Washington's Birthday."

My mistake was to relate the details of this encounter, with much chortling and some elaboration, in the bar of The Lamb that evening. Too late I noticed a familiar face with dark glasses and tight lips, glaring at me from a corner seat. She rose and left, followed by her grinning companion.

Well, at least he'll have a good story to tell in Idaho.

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The issues: foreign policy

THE FARAWAY FACTORS

Four years ago, with the recovery of the Falkland Islands still fresh in the memory, the "Falklands factor" helped the Conservative Party to its landslide victory. The electoral asset was not the military success alone. It was also the demonstration it had provided of the Prime Minister's capacity for national leadership and the perception it had fostered that British self-esteem, long eroded, had been restored.

The future of Britain's nuclear defences was an important — possibly the decisive — issue in the '83 campaign. So dominant was this and the "Falklands factor" that few other aspects of foreign affairs impinged on the election campaign. Important questions of principle and priority were obscured.

Now, four years later, the claims of Nato membership, the Commonwealth and Europe are competing more intensely with each other; the divisions between the parties on defence are more clearly delineated than ever. The fundamentals of policy should not be avoided again.

The defence of the nation is an issue on which strong prejudices are combined with a regrettable lack of knowledge. While public sentiment, overwhelmingly patriotic, favours strong defences, opinions differ as to the nature of those defences and how they should be paid for.

At the centre of the current controversy is the Trident missile programme — intended by the Conservatives to be the cornerstone of our security in years to come. Yet the economic case for Trident is rarely heard. There is a widespread belief that the annual cost of Trident exceeds the annual cost of the National Health Service. In fact, even the *total* cost of Trident is only just more than *half* the annual cost of the NHS. Moreover, when compared with conventional defences, nuclear defence is cheap. No political party has yet seemed able or willing to get these facts across.

The Labour Party has not done so because the credibility of its non-nuclear policy relies on the perpetuation of common myths about the unacceptable risk and inordinate expense of nuclear defence. The Conservatives and SDP have not seen the need to do so because their advocacy of a strong defence has in the past had sufficient appeal by itself. With the Labour Party now suggesting that conventional weapons are an adequate substitute for nuclear weapons, their opponents must lay out the arguments.

Better explanation of past decisions is not enough, however. The prospect of a new US-Soviet arms agreement means that the next Government — even if it favours nuclear defence — will have to reconsider the balance it has struck between nuclear and conventional forces. Any agreement on the removal of medium and possibly shorter-range nuclear missiles from Europe is likely to require the Europeans to make a more expensive contribution to their own defence.

To present these awkward facts in the election campaign will not necessarily benefit any one party. For Labour the problem will be to admit to its traditional supporters that conventional defence alone will be more expensive — in terms of equipment and manpower — even though many of them will expect a Labour government to transfer funds from defence to the social services.

The Conservatives, for their part, need to make their supporters aware that a transfer of resources from nuclear to conventional weapons will result in more expensive and arguably less effective defences. It would be more of a liability if it were seen to result from an agreement between the United States and the USSR which had been concluded despite European objections.

In the long term this may prove a greater problem for the Conservative Party than might appear. For the time being, however, it is a surmountable one. Mrs Thatcher is now the longest-serving Western leader. The reputation she has built up and the experience she has accumulated have made her leadership respected throughout the world. Whatever doubts voters may have about the Prime Minister's toughness at home they tend to appreciate its application abroad.

Doubts about her statesmanship, deriving from the "iron lady" image of her first term, have probably been erased by her Moscow visit. At any rate, statesmanship is not an area where her electoral opponents would be wise to mount their challenge.

Mr Kinnock is particularly vulnerable in this area. His trip to Washington was a political disaster. Any inclination he might have had to give himself a boost by talking to Moscow carried the risk that his party would be seen as more left-wing and pro-Soviet than is prudent during an election campaign. Not even the vastly more experienced Mr Denis Healey avoided this trap.

Mr Kinnock has also shown a tendency to engage excessively in party politics while representing his country abroad — in, for example, contesting Government immigration policy in India and in criticizing British defence policy in the US. His office was also found to be communicating with Mr Peter Wright's defence lawyer. These are lapses of judgement in a would-be Prime Minister.

Only Dr Owen for the SDP, who has experience of office, can stand comparison with Mrs Thatcher in the area of foreign policy. He has proved an articulate and consistent foreign policy spokesman in opposition, and has demonstrated a sharp sense of the national mood. His strength on foreign policy may be undermined if the conflict within the Alliance on defence re-emerges during the campaign. But his status as a former Foreign Secretary is still an electoral asset, although a waning one.

Until recently, Dr Owen's statements on foreign policy also appeared to have a coherence that was lacking in those both of the Government and of the other opposition parties. A government has to deal with specific questions when they arise. It is understandable perhaps if the sum of all the parts does not immediately suggest the whole.

The next government will need to produce a better all-round vision of a world that is looking less familiar: in which the essentials of the superpower relationship and the transatlantic alliance have begun to change. Without such a vision, proceeding from a realistic appraisal of Britain's place in the world, there may be uncomfortable bumps in the inevitable transition.

Some of the essentials of a newly refined approach were laid down by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, two months ago in a speech in Brussels. Stressing the continuing importance of our membership of Nato and of the transatlantic relationship, he placed a new emphasis on Western Europe as our first point of reference in terms of economics and defence. It was a forward-looking statement of principle on which the Foreign Secretary should take the opportunity to elaborate over the coming weeks.

The settlement of a number of specific problems outstanding when Mrs Thatcher came to power — Rhodesia, Hong Kong, and the terms for our membership of the EEC — also means that the foreign policy slate is clearer than it has been for many years. On Europe, there is less talk and more action: Britain's commitment is no longer doubted. There is a real opportunity to reconsider priorities.

There also appears to be a general will to do so. An opinion poll conducted by MORI for *The Times* last summer, when speculation about differences between the Queen and Mrs Thatcher on the unity of the Commonwealth was at its height, illustrated the extent to which Britons, especially young Britons, feel their future to be with Europe rather than with either the Commonwealth or the United States. The favourable, though sometimes unreasoning, reception accorded to current changes in the Soviet Union reflects a similar preparedness for change.

Coinciding as it appears to do with worldwide political realignments, such a shift in opinion presents the new Government with an uncommon opportunity. It will have the chance, for the first time in many years, to bring together the various strands of our foreign policy (its ex-colonial, Atlantic and European strands) and to co-ordinate them with defence policy within a coherent policy framework.

MR GANDHI'S UNKEPT PROMISE

When Mr Rajiv Gandhi succeeded his mother in 1984 the Punjab region was crippled by terrorism. Its moderate Sikh majority was alienated. The New Delhi government was seemingly unwilling to take any initiative to resolve the often bloody communal divide between the Sikhs and the Hindu minority. Mr Gandhi broke this impasse when in July 1985 he signed the Punjab Accord with moderate Sikh leaders of the Akali Dal, the Sikh party.

It aimed to meet Sikh demands by restoring a Sikh government and above all by giving the Sikhs a sense of belonging to their own community. Sikh terrorism was then to be tackled separately as a law and order matter.

That Accord has broken down. Terrorism has returned. Now the Akali government has been dismissed from office by New Delhi. Mr Gandhi's case against it is that it has not been effective in curbing terrorism. More recently, he has suspected that some of its ministers have maintained connections with the extremists and that the state's police chief was being hampered in his anti-terrorist campaign.

The full story, however, is not as simple as that. The re-emergence of Sikh terrorism coincided with the first instance of Mr Gandhi's postponing something he had promised under the Accord that Chandigarh become solely the capital of the Punjab in January 1986 instead of being the shared capital of the Punjab and of neighbouring Haryana, with its Hindu majority.

Hindu politics came between Mr Gandhi and his promise. A campaign against the Accord was led by Mr Gandhi's chief minister from the neighbouring state of Haryana, and foolishly permitted by him. And now it appears that anxiety about the outcome of imminent elections in Haryana, critical to the Congress Party's fortunes following the defeats it suffered nationally in March, has led to Mr Gandhi dismissing the Sikh government of Mr Barnala in the Punjab so as to woo Haryana's Hindu voters.

There will be people in India who will applaud Mr Gandhi's action. But whatever the impact on the Hindu vote, the Congress Party or even Mr Gandhi's own faltering performance, the dismissal of the Punjab government can only be bad for India as a whole. Moderate Sikhs will no longer provide a buffer to cushion Mr Gandhi from direct responsibility for combating Sikh terrorism.

It is also hard to see any new Sikh leader willing to trust Mr Gandhi in the foreseeable future. Worse still, the authority of Sikh moderates, who were prepared to risk ostracism — even ex-communication — from their religious hierarchy to continue dealing with Mr Gandhi, has now been undermined. The political beneficiaries are bound to be the Sikh extremists, who refuse to trust Mr Gandhi.

The other loser is Mr Gandhi. It is sad that he should have proved his own enemies right by sacrificing one of his government's few achievements. But perhaps it is not altogether surprising. The hope arising from the Punjab Accord is just one of the many which Mr Gandhi, since becoming an elected Prime Minister two-and-half years ago, has disappointed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public policy on private prisons

From the Warden of Ellison House

Sir, The current debate about so-called privatised prisons (report, May 7; leading article, May 8) ignores the important fact that a privatised sector already exists in the criminal justice system. Of the 120 (approx) probation and bail hostels in England and Wales, although all are totally financed by the Home Office and operate under statutory instrument, about 20 are managed, not by the Probation Service, but by private organisations, often churches.

Probation and bail hostels, with proper investment, could be a more positive answer to our current crisis in prisons, than shorter sentences to the wrong people, which do not attract public support or, we now know, that of the judiciary. Alternatives to custody, properly supervised, are a more positive suggestion in a country which locks up more of our citizens than anyone else in Europe.

Of course, our problem in hostels is that we are not perceived as "privatised". We are more of a "charitable" venture, which becomes a euphemism for the State obtaining services "on the cheap". If I were the manager of a privatised probation hostel I would most certainly charge the Home Office more than they pay at the moment. But then I would not sell the standard of service I am now bound to manage.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY EVANS, Warden,
Ellison House,
370 Albany Road, SE5.
May 8.

From Dr D. Saunders-Wilson

Sir, As a co-opted member of the National Executive Committee of Prison Governors, with responsibility for investigating the feasibility of the privatisation of the prison service, I was more than a little alarmed at your early and premature support for experimentation in this field (leading article, May 8).

Of all the interested parties in the criminal justice process only the Commons Home Affairs Committee, with the exception of its Labour members, supports privatisation. Our own evidence to that committee, outlining our practical and philosophical opposition, has been largely ignored but would concur with the recent public statements of Nacro (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders), the Howard League, the Prison Reform Trust and a variety of other organisations — namely, that the privatisation of prisons is immoral in itself, and given recent evidence from the United States, neither less costly nor more humane than our own system.

Private prisons in England are not new. Our first great penal reformer, John Howard, spent much of his time eradicating the abuses of 18th-century gaols, where people remained incarcerated merely because they couldn't pay the fees of their gaoler. We were the first country in the world to move away from privatisation. Let us hope we are not among the first to go back.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SAUNDERS-WILSON,
Assistant Governor,
HM Youth Custody Centre,
Finnamore Wood Camp,
Frieth Road, Medmenham,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
May 8.

Musicians' dispute

From the Managing Director of English National Opera

Sir, The closure of the musical *Cabaret* has provoked many reports and, while regretting the show's demise, I write to correct some of the facts published which might falsely prejudice the public's view of the dispute and of the earnings of members of the Musicians' Union in particular.

In your report of May 1 you quote a Conservative Political Centre discussion paper which says: "Can it be right for the Musicians' Union to demand £400,000 for televising a British opera?"

The answer must be no, because it is not true. The most recent opera English National Opera televised was *The Mikado* for Thames Television, completed a few months ago. The total sum paid to the orchestra, all members of the Musicians' Union, was £27,373 and this includes a fee of £354.70 each, plus a further amount as a "buy-out" for all foreign sales and video rights.

You quote average salaries in "inner London threatreland" as £300 a week and "the top end of the profession" in the West End showing an expectancy of up to £700 a week. It will interest your readers to know that rank-and-file members of the English National Opera orchestra receive a basic salary of £195.50 per week, plus average overtime earnings of £24.79.

These figures should be recognised as being much nearer the norm in the profession represented by the Musicians' Union today.

Yours faithfully,
PETER JONAS,
Managing Director,
English National Opera,
London Coliseum,
St Martin's Lane, WC2.
May 8.

From Mr Tristan Fry

Sir, Your report (May 1) refers to musicians' "growing dissatisfaction" with the Musicians' Union as having prompted the creation of the Guild of Professional Musicians, which I helped to form.

In case it is thought that any "breakaway" union is intended, I wish to make it quite clear that it is clearly understood between the guild and the union's General Secretary, Mr John Morton, that the guild continues to operate strictly in accordance with the Musicians' Union's guidelines.

Yours faithfully,
TRISTAN FRY, Acting Secretary,
The Guild of Professional Musicians,
48 Chalcot Road, NW1.
May 13.

Access to disordered

From Mrs Christine Brown

Sir, When, some years ago, I worked as a mental welfare officer, I carried a card which identified me and on which was printed section 22 of the Mental Health Act 1959:

> A mental welfare officer of a local health authority may, at all reasonable times . . . enter and inspect any premises . . . in the area of that authority in which a mentally disordered patient is living, if he has reasonable cause to believe that the patient is not under proper care.

The Act thus clearly made it impossible for a family to hide a mentally disordered person in a room to which the officer was denied access: if they did so, a warrant could be obtained forthwith and the premises searched.

If it is indeed the case, as has been stated at the trial of Pauline Carlile and Nigel Hall (report, May 8), that a social worker cannot insist upon seeing a child, it is difficult to see why the law cannot be amended to give all children the same protection as has been given since 1959 to mentally disordered persons. They are surely at least as vulnerable.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE BROWN,
4 Lawrence Road,
Hazel Grove,
Stockport, Cheshire.
May 8.

Local politics

From Councillor Peter Watts

Sir, Councillor Ruth Lyon states (May 4) that Elmbridge Borough Council is run by residents' association councillors. In fact the council is run by an uneasy alliance of RA councillors supported by Liberal, SDP and Labour members. Despite being strange bedfellows, they consistently unite to outvote the Conservatives — the largest single group on the council.

Most people probably agree that party politics should play little part in local affairs, but at least electors know where they are when candidates fight under party banners.

Ruth Lyon's plea for access to the media for "non-party" candidates (who all too often are concerned in promoting narrow parochial interests) would lead to a profusion of broadcasts more likely to confuse than enlighten the poor bewildered voter.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WATTS,
55 Berkeley Court,
Oatlands Drive,
Weybridge, Surrey.
May 5.

Research success

From the Director of the Steel Castings Research and Trade Association

Sir, Your article (May 8), under the headline, "Japan offers to buy off high-tech Britain's idea" could easily be misconstrued. Although the "lost foam" concept is not new in itself, this association has successfully developed two new versions of it, both of which are the subject of international patents and licence agreements.

Auto Alloys, Ltd was the first licensee of one of the techniques, but the total now exceeds 30 companies and includes organisations in Japan. The work has been supported throughout by the Department of Trade and Industry, as well as by British industry, and is now being taken further forward with the encouragement of the Department of Energy and the Electricity Council.

In this respect at least, the much criticised British R & D funding agencies have a good story to tell.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. REYNOLDS, Director,
Steel Castings Research and Trade Association,
5 East Bank Road,
Sheffield,
South Yorkshire.
May 8.

The better half?

From Mrs Colleen Gardener

Sir, The nobility of the sentiments expressed in Mr Arnott's letter (May 8) brought tears to my eyes (which I mopped with a modest square of Swiss lawn) — but I must disabuse him on the handkerchief question.

The simple truth is that when a woman has a cold she seeks to minimise the fact, whereas when a man has a cold he seeks to maximize the fact. Everything, therefore, is bigger: the sneeze, the blow, the sighs — and the size of the handkerchief.

Yours faithfully,
COLLEEN GARDENER (only female in an otherwise all-male household),
Regnum, Lewes Road,
Ringmer, East Sussex.
May 8.

Obstacle course for entering UK

From Professor Urmilla Khanna

Sir, As a student and teacher of English literature in Delhi I have travelled visa-less to England about a dozen times over a period of more than 30 years. Apart from the long queues and occasional rudeness at Heathrow there was little difficulty in entering Britain.

This is the first time I have had to obtain a visa and I would like people here to know how inefficiently, rudely and callously the machinery is functioning at the British High Commission in New Delhi.

Ironically, it was on April 21, the Queen's birthday, that I went to get my visa. One reason for this was that the retiring High Commissioner, Sir Robert Wade-Gery, was hosting a reception in the evening to celebrate the royal occasion and to say farewell. Since his residence is only five minutes' drive from the High Commission, and the University of Delhi is about 15 miles away, I thought I would save an additional long drive in the hot weather by enjoying two varieties of British hospitality on the same day.

While the party in the evening was gracious and courteously planned to the last detail, the visa-issuing was strangely reminiscent of the Black Hole of Calcutta. About 200 people were crowded into a cabinet-like structure which a couple of air-conditioners were trying ineffectively to cool.

Many people, including old women and children, had left home around 7am but there was not even a glass of cold water to be had. It took me from 10.30am to 12.30pm to hand in my application because at the solitary window a lone man was scrutinising applications and taking the fee.

I was told to return at 2.30pm to collect my visa. Once again, there was total chaos in another part of the building, which, too, was hot and cramped. Tired, hot and hungry applicants were repeatedly told not to crowd near the passport-returning counters but there was nowhere else for them to go.

After repeated warning by the Indian staff, the trump card was produced: a British major-domo who came and peremptorily announced that if the applicants did not move away from the counters they would be escorted out of the compound. I am ashamed to say that we tolerated this insult. By 4.30pm, when most of us received our visas, the raj was very much with us.

Surely things can be better managed? Otherwise the attempts of Mountbatten and Nehru to establish a civilized relationship between the Queen and the Commonwealth will have been in vain.

Yours faithfully,
URMILLA KHANNA,
International Lutheran Student Centre,
30 Thanet Street, WC1.
May 5.

African parallel

From Lord Alport

Sir, The recent pattern of political events in South Africa has an exact parallel in what happened in Rhodesia in the early 1960s. Just as Smith's hardline Rhodesian Front demolished Sir Edgar Whitehead's liberal and reformist party at an election as a result of the defection of voters of British origin, so have President Botha's and Mr Treurnicht's parties destroyed the PFP.

The result was that black opinion in Rhodesia decided that only force could achieve constitutional change and there followed seven years of civil war and 25,000 dead.

The timescale will be different in South Africa and the number of dead perhaps 10 times as great, but the parallel will now continue to be followed until the bitter end.

Yours faithfully,
ALPORT,
House of Lords.
May 8.

Solicitors' tactics

From Mr Andrew Phillips

Sir, Your second leader, "Solicitors' tactics" (April 28), ended with a familiar canard about the barrister who tips up on the day of the trial fumbling with strange papers and never having met his or her client.

It is a canard because the position would be absolutely the same for specialist solicitor advocates in the event of fusion. The facts are indisputable. Courts for which the Bar currently has a near monopoly of advocacy — crown courts, high courts and above — are inevitably those to which the more complex, long-running cases are drawn.

They are the cases where estimates as to how long the case will last are notoriously difficult of calculation. That in turn makes the timetabling of barristers' caseloads inherently fraught with the prospect of double booking if cases overrun or lists collapse. Solicitors having rights of audience in the higher courts would be in precisely the same position.

It is a measure of the shallowness of the case of the faction (because that is all it is) within the Law Society pressing for *de facto* fusion that they still peddle this fallacy. It is more disappointing that you should be taken in by it.

Yours truly,
ANDREW PHILLIPS,
Bates, Wells & Braithwaite,
Solicitors,
20 Old Baily, EC4.
April 29.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 14 1940

On May 10 Hitler invaded the Low Countries and Winston Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister. In his first address to Parliament as head of the coalition Government Churchill showed the force of his oratory

MR CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

"BLOOD, TOIL, TEARS, AND SWEAT"

Mr CHURCHILL, Prime Minister (Epping, U.) who was received with loud cheers, moved:-

That this House welcomes the formation of a Government representing the united and inflexible resolve of the nation to prosecute the war with Germany to a victorious conclusion.

The right hon. gentleman said:- On Friday evening last I received his Majesty's commission to form a new Administration. It was the evident wish and will of Parliament and the nation that this should be conceived on the broadest possible basis and that it should include all parties, both those who supported the late Government and also the parties of the Opposition. (Hear, hear.)

I have completed the most important part of this task. A War Cabinet has been formed of five members representing, with the Opposition Liberals, the unity of the nation. The three party Leaders have agreed to serve, either in the War Cabinet or in high executive office. The three Fighting Services have been filled. It was necessary that this should be done in one single day, on account of the extreme urgency and rigour of events.

A number of other positions, other key positions, were filled yesterday, and I am submitting a further list to his Majesty tonight. I hope to complete the appointment of the principal Ministers during tomorrow. The appointment of the other Ministers usually takes a little longer, but I trust that when Parliament meets again this part of my task will be completed and that the Administration will be complete in all respects. (Hear, hear.)

I considered it in the public interest to suggest that the House should be summoned to meet today Mr Speaker agreed, and took the necessary steps, in accordance with the powers conferred upon him by the resolution of the House. . I now invite the House, by the resolution which stands in my name, to record its approval of the steps taken and to declare its confidence in the new Government. (Cheers.)

"OUR UNITED STRENGTH"

To form an Administration of this scale and complexity is a serious undertaking in itself, but it must be remembered that we are in the preliminary stage of one of the greatest battles in history and that we are in action at many other points — in Norway and in Holland, that we have to be prepared in the Mediterranean, that the air battle is continuous, and that many preparations, such as have been indicated by my hon. friend below the gangway, have to be made here at home. (Hear, hear.) In this crisis I hope I may be pardoned if I do not address the House at any length today. (Hear, hear.) I hope that any of my friends and colleagues, or former colleagues, who are affected by the political reconstruction will make allowance, all allowance, for any lack of ceremony with which it has been necessary to act. (Hear, hear.)

I would say to the House as I said to those who have joined this Government: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat". We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask what is our policy; I will say: "It is to wage war, by sea, land, and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us, and to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime." (Loud cheers.) That is our policy.

You ask what is our aim; I can answer in one word: It is victory — (cheers) — victory at all costs — (cheers) — victory in spite of all terrors, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival — (cheers) — let that be realized — no survival for the British Empire, no survival for all that the British Empire has stood for, no survival for the urge and impulse of the ages, that mankind will move forward towards its goal. (Cheers.)

I take up my task with buoyancy and hope, and I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail among men. At this time I feel entitled to claim the aid of all, and I say: "Come then, let us go forward together with our united strength." (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

A waiting game

From Mr M. T. McGrave

Sir, "Rare cats that behave as if they were dogs" (report, May 8, early editions): An attachment to sinks is not peculiar to Maine Coon cats. My pedigree-less cat loves to sit in a sink. I have always supposed he is waiting for fish to emerge from the tap.

Yours faithfully,
M. T. McGRAVE,
88 Bereweeke Avenue,
Winchester, Hampshire.
May 8.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 13: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight today to attend Ceremonies to mark the 200th Anniversary of the departure for Australia of the First Fleet.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness arrived at Portsmouth and Southsea Station this morning in the Royal Train and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt), the Chairman, Britain-Australia Bicentennial Committee (Sir Peter Gadsden) and His Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia (the Hon Douglas McClelland).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Guildhall Square and were received by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Mr James Lodge).

At the foot of the Guildhall Steps, The Queen was presented with the Keys of the Ancient Fortress of Portsmouth by the Commanding Officer 20 Maritime Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport (Lieutenant-Colonel G.J. Yeoman), which Her Majesty returned to him.

Afterwards, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh witnessed the start of the United Kingdom celebrations of the Australia Bicentenary.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, then drove to Square Tower and, having been received by the Leader of Portsmouth City Council (Mr Ian Gibson), viewed the Exhibition "The First Fleet Story" and afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth with her presence at luncheon in the Guildhall.

In the afternoon, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to H M Naval Base and were received by the Flag Officer Portsmouth (Rear-Admiral Anthony Wheatley).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness embarked in H M S Sirius (Captain Commander S Saunders, RN) and, having been received by the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command (Admiral Sir Peter Stanford), sailed for the Isle of Wight, passing the vessels of the Bicentennial First Fleet.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked by barge at Ryde and were received at Ryde Pier Head by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight (Captain the Lord Mottistone, RN).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to St Thomas' Square and were received by the Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight County Council (Mr J S Horsnell) and the Chairman, St Thomas' Trust (Mr R Burton).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, viewed a British-Australian Heritage Society Exhibition and walked through St Thomas' Square.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then visited Osborne House, were received by the Chairman of English Heritage (the Lord Montagu of Beaulieu), and attended a Reception given by the County Council in connection with the Australia Bicentenary.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later embarked in a Sealink Catamaran at Trinity Wharf, sailed to Portsmouth Harbour, and subsequently returned to London in the Royal Train.

The Duchess of Grafton, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this morning opened the new Cancer Research Institute of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, London, W12.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers) and the Chairman of the School Council (the Lord Dainton).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at the University of London Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel C N Cullen upon relinquishing command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel R J Lees upon assuming command.

By command of The Queen, Air Commodore Sir Mark Norman, Bt, (Deputy Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this morning upon the departure of The Duke of Kent for Cyprus and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen (Governor-General of Australia) at the State Funeral of His Excellency Sir James Plimsoll (Governor of Tasmania) which was held in the Cathedral Church of St David, Hobart this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, prior to Her Royal Highness' visit to China, this afternoon received His Excellency Mr Hu Dingyi (Ambassador of the People's Republic of China).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 13 The Duke of Gloucester was present today at the Annual General Meeting of the Northamptonshire Country Landowners Association at Barnwell Manor, Northamptonshire.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, today visited Hilton Grange School, Bramhope, and later opened N.C.H. Touchline Service, Leeds Family Care Centre.

Her Royal Highness, who was attended by Mrs Howard Page, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
May 13: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, left Royal Air Force Brize Norton, Oxfordshire today to visit the 1st and 2nd Battalions in Cyprus.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in a VC10 of the Royal Air Force, is attended by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the International Social Services of Great Britain, this morning visited the Spring Fair at Kensington Town Hall. This evening, Her Royal Highness, Patron, attended a concert of the Newbury Spring Festival given by the English Chamber Orchestra at St Nicholas Parish Church, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.



Princess Margaret and her two children, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, photographed at Kensington Palace by Lord Snowdon, her former husband. The princess and her children will visit China as guests of the Chinese Government from next Monday to May 27. The princess will then make a two day visit to Hong Kong

Sale room

Sticks make record figures

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Three bronze stick figures by Giacometti, standing between eight and nine foot high, became successively the most expensive modern sculpture in the world in the course of five minutes as they came under Christie's auction hammer in New York on Tuesday night.

The first "Grande femme debout" made $2,530,000 (£1,488,735), the second $3,080,000 (£1,811,764) and the third $3,630,000 (£2,135,294). They had been expected to fetch between $1 million and $2 million each.

The monumental figures were created at the very end of the sculptor's life for a cityscape on the Chase Manhattan Plaza in New York which never came to fruition. Each sculpture was cast in an edition of six but no examples have previously come to auction. All three were bought by Americans.

They came from the collection of Baron Léon Lambert, one of the most adventurous European purchasers of modern art of the post-war era. His Francis Bacon "Pope" was the sensation of the New York contemporary sales last week at a record $1.76 million. The collection was designed to furnish the new offices of the Banque Lambert in Brussels which were rebuilt after a fire in 1956 and he is selling it after stepping down as chairman of the bank. His contemporary collection made £3.7 million last week while 20 more old fashioned "moderns" made another £10.3 million on Tuesday night.

The star of the subsequent mixed property sale was a quiet still life of various bottles and crockery on a table by Giorgio Morandi which soared beyond expectations to sell for a record $770,000 (estimate $250,000-$300,000) or £452,941 to an Italian dealer.

In London yesterday Sotheby's secured their highest ever total for a sale of modern British paintings at a paltry £2.5 million, underlining how cheap the British school remains compared to its Continental and American counterparts.

Dinners

Army Board

Mr Roger Freeman, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, presided at a dinner given by the Army Board of the Defence Council last night at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in honour of General Joseph T. Palastra, Jr, the 1987 Kermit Roosevelt lecturer, and Mrs Palastra. Among those present were:

Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Generals Sir Nigel Bagnall, Sir Richard Vincent, Sir David Mostyn and Sir Robert Ford, Lieutenant General Sir Charles Huxtable, Sir Oliver Wright, Sir Clive Whitmore, Mr John Bielloch, Mr Donald Spiers, Colonel Michael Houser and their ladies.

Royal United Services Institute

Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, was the guest speaker at a dinner held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall after the annual conference of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies. Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, chairman of council, accompanied by Lady Stanier, presided. Among others present were:

Mrs Michael Heseltine, the Hon David Gore-Booth, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, Vice-Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Lieutenant-General Sir Derek and Lady Boorman, Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Palmer, Air Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Sowrey, Air Marshal Sir Roy Austen-Smith, Sir John Killick, Sir Clive Rose, Professor Sir Ronald and Lady Mason, Sir Ewen Broadbent, Sir Michael Quinlan, Professor Sir Richard Norman, Professor Sir Michael Howard, Mr Hans Jonkman, Mr T A Campobasso, Mr D H Gillmore and Air Marshal L A Jones.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion given by the Foundation for Science and Technology at the house of the Royal Society yesterday evening. Sir Alastair Pilkington was the speaker. Among those present were:

Lord Beloff, Lord Dainton, Baroness Lockwood, the Hon Mrs Robins, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Sir Austin Bide, Sir John Kingman, Lady Pilkington, Sir Brian Pippard, Sir George Porter, Sir David Hancock, Sir Randolph Quirk and Sir Frederick Warner.

Company of Tin Plate Workers Alias Wire Workers

Mr E. Brian Totty was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Company of Tin Plate Workers Alias Wire Workers held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr C N Packett, Master, presided and Mr K W C Reed also spoke.

Institute of Metals

Sir Nicholas Goodison was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Institute of Metals held last night at Grosvenor House. Dr David Atherton presided and Sir John Owen also spoke. Among those present were: The Korean Ambassador, the High Commissioner for Singapore, Viscount Caldecote, Mr Tae Joon Park and Dr E D Hondros.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Heckendorn and the Hon Roselle Bruce-Gardyne
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Heckendorn, of Beaux Arts Village, Washington, United States, and Roselle, only daughter of Lord and Lady Bruce-Gardyne, of Kelso Place, London.

Mr M.B. Abbott and Miss A.L. Symons
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs D.B. Abbott, of Arcachon, France, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Symons, of Pinkneys Green, Berkshire.

Mr N.F. Addison and Miss S.M. Hall
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Addison, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hall, of Waverton, Chester.

Mr R.W.L. Allan and Miss R.E. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs G.L. Allan, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.T. Lewis, of Heath, Cardiff.

Mr I.D. Brocks and Miss E.V.E. Hicks
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs D.P. Brocks, of Hildenborough, Kent, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr J.C. Hicks, of Reigate, Surrey, and Mrs D. Berriman, of Plaxtol, Kent.

Mr A.P. Churchill and Miss S.P. Morrish
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J. Churchill, of Bramcote Hills, Nottingham, and Sarah, younger daughter of the late Mr P.K.A. Morrish and of Mrs C.E. Morrish, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr S.A. Connor and Miss I. Sokova
The engagement is announced between Stephen Connor and Inessa Sokova.

Mr H.C. Dunlop and Miss S.M. Owens
The engagement is announced between Hugh Dunlop, son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Dunlop, of Knockdene Park, Belfast, and Saskia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs John Owens, of Cambridge.

Mr P.K. Fairhurst and Miss F.A. Hibberdine
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Captain Thomas Fairhurst and of Mrs C. Heber Percy and stepson of Lieutenant-Colonel C. Heber Percy, DSO, MC, of Ibstone, Buckinghamshire, and Felicity Ann, only daughter of the late Mr John Gordon Hibberdine and of Mrs Bunty Hibberdine, of Maltings Close, The Terrace, Barnes.

Mr T.G. Foster and Miss J.I. Zimmerman
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of the late Mr G.E. Foster and of Mrs D.M. Foster, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Zimmerman, of Oakwood, Middlesex.

Mr P.T. Johnson and Miss C.A. Shott
The engagement is announced between Peter Trevelyan, son of the late Mr Cedric Johnson and of Mrs Joan Vickers, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr Roland Shott and of Mrs Shott, of Ashmore, Dorset.

Dr R.J.S. McGonigle and Dr H.C. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Wing Commander and Mrs F. McGonigle, of Ightham, Kent, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Thomas, of Highgate, N6.

Mr P.E. Ridgway and Miss M.R. Anderton
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr Andrew Ridgway, of Limassol, Cyprus, and Mrs Doriel Hall, of Mitcham, Surrey, and Maria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Anderton, of Ballymackey, Co Tipperary.

Mr A.D. Russell and Miss L. Barnes
The engagement is announced between Anthony Douglas Russell and Lynn Barnes.

Mr A.R.W. Williams and Miss V.L. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr R.W. Williams, of Gomshall, Surrey, and the late Mrs Ann Williams, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.L. Thompson, of Guildford, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr D. Inchbald and Miss K. Lilley
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 9, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Shalford, Surrey, of Mr David Inchbald, son of the late Captain Euan Inchbald and Mrs Sally Inchbald, of Barnes, London, and Miss Kate Lilley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Lilley, of Foxbury Meadow, Hascombe, Surrey. The Rev David Hobden officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Caroline Rowbottom, Miss Jayne Beeson and Miss Tara Inchbald. Mr William Bartholomew was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr N.J. Logue and Miss E.M. Hyde-Thomson
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 2, at St Mary's Church, Lutterworth, between Mr Neil Logue, son of Mr and Mrs Denis Logue, of Claudy, Co Derry, and Miss Eleanor Hyde-Thomson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Hyde-Thomson, of Stable House, North Kilworth, Leicestershire. The Rev Peter Caswell officiated assisted by Father John Feeley.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Lucy Hyde-Thomson, Louisa and Suzanna Lockwood, David Campbell, Niall Hassan and Hugh Nicholas Logue. Mr Donald Marples was best man.

A reception was held at the bride's home.

Reception

VOCAL
Mr Tim Travers-Healy was host at a reception held by Sir Sigmund Sternberg, President of VOCAL, at the Foreign Press Association yesterday to mark National Speak Week.

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Joan Greenwood will be held at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden, at noon today.

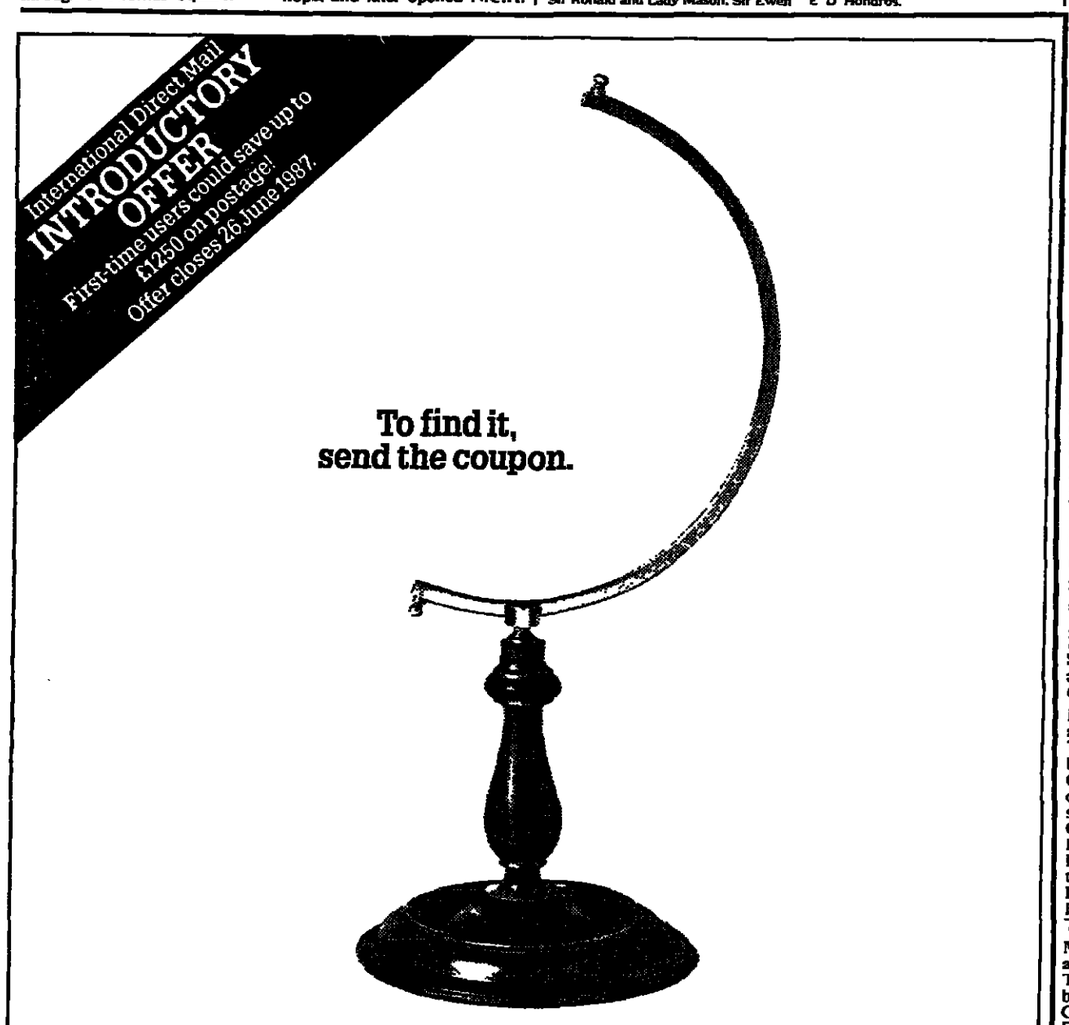
Birthdays today

Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 42; Dr Hastings Banda, Life President of Malawi, 82; Mr Chay Blyth, yachtsman, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, 62; Mr Denis Cannan, dramatist, 68; Sir Eric Cheadle, chairman, National Stroke Campaign, 79; Sir Owen Green, chairman and chief executive, BTR, 62; Lord McAlpine of West Green, 45; Miss Sian Phillips, actress, 53; Sir Peregrine Rhodes, diplomat, 62.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Gainsborough, Sudbury, Suffolk, 1727; Robert Owen, social reformer, Newtown, Powys, 1771; Otto Klemperer, conductor, Breslau, Germany, 1885.

DEATHS: August Strindberg, dramatist, Stockholm, 1912; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pittsburgh, 1919; Edmund Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby, field marshal, Southwell, Notts, 1936; Sir William Dobell, artist, 1970.



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OBITUARY

SIR PETER NOBLE

Scholar and university administrator

Sir Peter Noble, Principal of King's College London from 1952 to 1968, died on May 12 at the age of 87. Noble was an eminent scholar of classical and ancient oriental languages. Before going to London he had a varied academic career, and had held chairs at Aberdeen and Leeds.

Peter Scott Noble was born on October 17, 1899, and educated at Fraserburgh Academy before going to Aberdeen University in 1916. His studies there were interrupted by the First World War, and he served from 1917 to 1919 in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Scottish Horse.

He returned to Aberdeen to take a first in classics in 1921. He was generally adjudged to be one of the most brilliant graduates of that university, and took a string of prizes and medals for Greek, Latin, Comparative Philology and Greek verse.

He then proceeded to St John's College, Cambridge, where this progress was continued by his gaining firsts in Classics and Oriental Languages, and taking the Bendall Sanskrit Exhibition. In 1926 he went to Liverpool University as a lecturer in Latin, and from 1930 to 1937 he was Professor of Latin Language and Literature at Leeds.

He was also, from 1928 to 1931, a Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge. It was while there that he cooperated with E. J. Rapson, Professor of Sanskrit, on the transcription and editing of Part III of the *Kharoshti Inscriptions*. These documents, found by Sir Auriel Stein in Chinese Turkestan, brought to light a hitherto unknown Prakrit dialect of great importance to students of Indian languages.

In 1937 Noble was appointed Regius Professor of Humanity at Aberdeen, where he stayed until 1952. He not only occupied the chair with great distinction, but played an active part in the wider life of the city, as a member of the Aberdeen Education Committee and of the management board of Aberdeen General Hospital. He was also, from 1943 to 1953, a member of the University Grants Committee.

In 1952 Noble embarked on what was to be a lengthy stewardship as Principal of King's College, London. But his considerable gift for diplomacy did not often have to be exercised in what was a fairly quiet period for King's. Student unrest in London, which followed on the heels of the Paris *événements* of 1968, struck just after his retirement from the post. He held the vice-chancellorship of the university - not then, as now, a full-time post - from 1961 to 1964.

Short and stocky, with a gift for lucid exposition, Noble was equally at home as scholar and administrator.

His wife died in 1983. Two sons and a daughter survive him.

MR JONATHAN LEWIS

Mr Jonathan Lewis, OBE, a founder of the Capricorn Society which was once thought of as the inspiration of multi-racial development in Africa, died on April 30. He was 68.

Born an Irishman in 1918, Jonathan Tudor Stafford Lewis was educated at Cambridge and served in the Colonial Office and as a district officer in Nigeria. This career was cut short by illness; but by then he had already joined in Africa the group of people of African, European and Indian descent, led by Colonel David Stirling and including Laurens Van Der Post, who started the Capricorn African Society. Lewis became its executive officer in 1955.

But substantial support from both white and black would have been needed to make these dreams of co-operation among the races come true. The "wind of change" was sweeping in a different direction as colony after colony won independence.

Lewis turned his eyes back to the UK and to the need for residential communities here for post-graduate students and their families from Africa. He became director of the Zebra Trust, whose early headquarters in Cheval Place became a meeting place for every kind of person interested in African affairs, not least African students with nowhere to live, short of money and in search of a friend.

In Lewis, who had an eccentric brilliance about him, they found the friend they needed, large, unstuffy, filled with gusto - and owner of two vintage Rolls-Royces ever willing to go for a spin. Some of those he befriended have gone on to high places in developing countries.

A master of surprise tactics, and of the *mot juste*, he was a superb organizer with a magic touch in opening doors and even Government purses. He was able to acquire a succession of houses, hostels and flats in central London for overseas students and their families.

He was appointed an OBE in 1965.

MR G. C. DARTON

Mr Gerald Christopher "Tim" Darton, one of the founders of Darton, Longman & Todd, died on May 4, aged 74, in Vancouver, where he had made his home.

He had been in publishing for twenty years - and had opened the South African branch of Longmans Green during the war - when in 1959 he became a co-founder, with John Todd and Michael Longman, of Darton, Longman & Todd.

He looked after sales at the firm, but never much enjoyed the commercial side of things, although priding himself on a knowledge of discounts, and of the realities of retailing up and down the African seaboard.

What he really enjoyed was the editor's desk, and he worked there to great effect. He directed his sharp intelligence unremittingly towards correct punctuation and grammar, organization and style.

But Darton's chance really came with *The Jerusalem Bible*. He saw that the firm had the opportunity of providing for English readers a sound text in contemporary English, with commentaries and notes in one volume.

He worked his way twice through every word of it, persuading the editor, Alexander Jones, to accept his judgment on style, and occasionally on theology, when he wished to modify the dogmatic tone of the notes, provided by French Roman Catholic biblical scholars.

It was due to a happy marriage between Michael Longman's intense care for paper and print, and Darton's grasp of language that on its publication the Jerusalem Bible elicited the phrase "this noble Bible" from one eminent reviewer.

Much of Darton's achievement survives in the recently revised version, entitled *The New Jerusalem Bible*.

He leaves his widow, Hilda, a son and daughter.

HERR ATTILA HORBIGER

Herr Attila Horbiger, leading actor of the Vienna Burgtheater, and member of the famous Austrian theatrical family, died in Vienna on April 27. He was 91.

Born in Budapest, he trained with Max Reinhardt in Berlin. After making the rounds of middle-European provincial theatres, he returned to Vienna, in 1929, to work for Reinhardt at the Josefstadt.

In 1950 Horbiger moved over to the Burg, there rejoining his equally distinguished wife, Paula Wessely, with whom he had appeared on the Berlin stage. He was active there until 1983.

Horbiger made over 60 films, playing the lead opposite his wife in several of them, including the Nazi propaganda film, *Heimat*, (The Fatherland) of 1941, which was banned by the Allied Military Government after the war.

His three daughters were all actresses; the youngest, Maresa, shared the honours with her father in the Burgtheater's production of Schnitzler's *Liebelei*, which came to the Aldwych Theatre in 1973 for Sir Peter Daubeny's 10th World Theatre Season.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, will dine with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, at 8.00.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust Youth Business Trust, will attend a reception for the trust's regional appeal at the City Chambers, Glasgow, at 11.45; and, as President of Scottish Business in the Community, will present the SCOTBIC Business Awards at the Holiday Inn, Glasgow, at 1.15.

The Princess of Wales will attend the British Paraplegic Sports Society Ball at Osterley Park, Osterley, Middlesex, at 8.40.

Princess Anne will visit Lumonics - JK Product Division, Swift Valley, Rugby, Warwickshire, at 1.45; and will visit the Rugby Gymnastics Club, Lower Hillmorton Road, at 2.50; later will attend a Grand Day dinner at Lincoln's Inn, at 7.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as patron, will attend the annual meeting of the Kensington Society at the Town Hall at 6.15.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Welwyn Hatfield Day Hospice in Welwyn Garden City at 2.00.

Princess Alexandra will visit the National Heart Hospital, Westmoreland Street, W1, at 2.30.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
St. John 15 : 4

BIRTHS

BAYLIS - On May 9th, at Nottingham City Hospital, to Sally (née Lofts) and Ken, a son, Charles Edward, a brother for May.

BOYCE - On May 11th, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, to Joanne (née Oldfield) and Alex, a son, Jamie Hugh Alexander.

BUSHMAN - On May 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Harriet and Richard, a daughter.

CAULFIELD - See Hall.

CHAPMAN - On December 29th 1986, at Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire, to Jill (née Rowlass) and Peter, a daughter, Christened Alexandra Lucy at Brantingham, May 3rd 1987

CRIPPS - On May 7th 1987, to Pippa (née Packham) and David, a second daughter, Tessa Vivecs.

D'ANYERS WILLS - On May 11th, to Cecilia and Piers, a daughter, Chloe Eloise.

DOYLE - On May 5th, to Sarah (née Whelton) and Dominic, a daughter, Tamsin Rosanna.

GORDON - On May 12th, at Milton Keynes Hospital, to Avril (née Middleton) and Andrew, a son, Oliver Andrew.

GREENWELL - On May 11th 1987, to Sarah and Edward, a son.

HALL - On May 11th, at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Catherine (née Caulfeild) and Nicholas, a daughter, Clare Elisabeth Alexandra.

HOLDING - On April 28th, to Theresa and Jeremy, a daughter, Rebecca Anne Marie, a sister for Rachel.

KEOGH - On May 6th, to Joanna (née Leapman) and Colin, a son, William Edward Colin.

LAWSON - On May 12th 1987, at the R.M.H., Munster, to Susanna and David, a daughter, Julia Clare Susanne.

LENSU - On May 9th 1987, to Elizabeth (née Lamb) and David, a son, Joshua Ewan, a brother for George and James.

LOFTS - See Bayfis.

MACFARLANE - On Sunday May 10th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Cathryn and Tom, a son.

MACLEOD - On May 5th 1987 at home, to Islay and Ruairidh, a daughter.

MANNERS - On May 8th, to Anna (née Ryland) and Arthur, a daughter Olivia.

MATTHEWS - On May 3rd, at The Buchanan Hospital, Hastings, to Emma and Patrick, a son, Peter Frederick, a brother for Luke.

McDOUGALL - On May 9th, to Carlie (née Griffiths) and Douglas, a daughter, Fiona Maria.

MURRAY - On May 11th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Emma (née Butterworth) and Francis, a son, Frederick Richard Finnbarr, a brother for Lucy and Angus.

PAKENHAM-WALSH - On May 7th, in Wiesbaden, to Jill and William, Jenny, a sister for Rowan and Netta.

ROBERTS - On April 27th, 1987, to Caryl (née Jolly), and Martin, a son, Michael William Howard, a brother for Alexandra.

RUSSELL - On May 7th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane Showering and Alan, a son, Harry Keith Showering Russell, a brother for Bertie.

SIMPSON - On May 12th 1987, at Aberdeen Royal infirmary, to Lesley (née Bennett) and Terence, a son, Richard Ivor Fraser.

SYMINGTON - On May 10th, to Caroline (née Gorman) and James, a son, Alexander, a brother for Anna and Louisa.

TOTMAN - On May 6th 1987, in Cuckfield, Sussex, to Felicity-Ann and Richard, a son, Jonathan William.

UDEN - On May 9th, in Norwich, to Pam and David, God's gift of a son, Thomas Edward James.

VAUGHAN - On May 8th 1987, to Zara (née Adams) and Rupert, a daughter, Katherine, a sister to Thomas and Richard.

WARDLE - On April 30th 1987, to Yvonne and Andy, a daughter, Siobhan Claire.

WILCZYNSKI - On May 11th, to Izabella and Richard, a daughter, Krystyna-Anna.

MARRIAGES

POWLSON-SYRAD - On May 2nd, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Mark, son of Mr & Mrs B Powlson of Bedford to Suzanne, daughter of Major & Mrs S Syrad of Broadstone.

DEATHS

BAKER - On May 12th, very peacefully after a short illness, Lindsay, darling of Pam, Alison, Sally and grandchildren. Private Cremation on Monday May 18th, followed at 2.30pm by a Thanksgiving Service with friends at St Andrew's Church, South Stoke. Donations, if desired, to League of Friends of Wallingford Community Hospital.

CROPLEY - On May 13th 1987, John Ingersoll Cropley, of Bisterne, Hants. Funeral private.

DEVONS - On May 13th 1987, peacefully at home, Estelle (née Wine). Much loved mother of David, Oliver and Nicholas. Cremation at Randalls Park Lawn Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead on Friday May 15th at 10.30 am. Flowers to the crematorium, or donations to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey.

EDGSON - On May 12th 1987, unexpectedly at home in Long Lawford, Rugby, Phillip Moreton, aged 65. Funeral at St. Botolph's, Newbold-on-Avon, Rugby, on Friday May 16th, 11am.

ELKAN - On May 11th, suddenly and peacefully at home in Nice, Edward Felix (Ted) F.I.M.M., beloved husband if Elizabeth and brother of Vera Morley. Cremation at Nice at 2.30pm on May 12th. No flowers requested, donations if desired to The British Legion Nice.

EVERETT - On May 7th, in hospital Gertrude Frances. For funeral arrangements contact Longhurst Undertakers, 8-10 Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey. Tel: Epsom 23548.

FENTON - On Saturday May 9th after a short illness in hospital Nancy Elizabeth Fenton, dearly beloved wife of John. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, London SW15 on Wednesday May 20th at 4.00pm. Family flowers only please.

GIBSON - On May 11th, Aubrey Donald of Tytherington, Gloucestershire, after a short illness, aged 83. Youngest son of the late General and Mrs Gibson, a Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday May 19th at St James Church, Tytherington at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please.

GREENEP - On May 12th, peacefully at hospital in Winchester, Alice Deborah, sister of Joan and aunt of Michael. Funeral service at New Alresford Parish Church. Hands tomorrow Friday May 15th at 11.30am. No flowers.

HART - On Monday May 11th 1987, peacefully at her home, St Lawrence, Jersey, C.I. Dorothy Irene (née Coward) widow of James Geoffrey Hart. Sadly missed by her family and friends. Enquiries to G E Croad Ltd, Funeral Director's, Tel: Jersey 0534 35330.

HOPKINS - On Monday May 11th 1987, Joan Leighton Hopkins of Barrington, Cambridge. A much loved cousin. Funeral service at Barrington Parish Church on Monday 18th May at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Barrington Parish Church Fund may be sent to Alfred Mills, Funeral Director, Wimpole Road, Great Eversden, Cambridge CB3 7HR, of whom enquiries may be made. Tel: 0223 262364.

JOHNSTON - On May 12th 1987, peacefully at home, Major Thewlis Clarkson Johnson D.S.O., beloved husband of Hilary and the late Wm. 'A man endowed with great fortitude, much loved by all the family.' Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Monday May 18th at 2.45pm.

JOHNSTON - On May 10th, peacefully at Tamesquite House, St Tudy, Christopher Maxwell, following a long illness borne with great dignity. Funeral private, no flowers.

LEYSER - On May 10th 1987, Emmy Leyser at Edenhall, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Service and Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday May 18th at 3.00pm. No flowers but donations to Edenhall welcome.

MALIM - On Monday May 11th, peacefully at his home Elmhurst, Petitor road, Torquay, Jeffery Jocelyn (J.J), dearly loved husband of Dorothy (Do Do) and beloved father of Clive, Lilian and Christian. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Saturday May 23rd at 11.00am at The Church of St. Andrew's, Stoke-in-Teignhead. Family flowers only, donations if desired for British Heart Foundation, c/o G Ilxton, 24 Western road, Torquay.

MOULE - On May 8th, Lt. Col. Hugh Douglas, late 4th PWO Gurkha Rifles, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Private funeral. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Jame's Church, Nayland on Tuesday 26th May at 12 noon.

MUSK - On Tuesday May 12th 1987, quietly at Clare House, Byfleet, Gretchan Roma, dearly beloved. Funeral service at Woking, St John's Crematorium on Wednesday May 20th 1987 at 12 noon.

NOBLE - On May 12th 1987, peacefully at home in Edinburgh, aged 87, Sir Peter Scott Noble formerly Regius Professor of Humanity in the University of Aberdeen, Principal of King's College London and Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, beloved husband of the late Mary and dearly loved father of Isabel, Andrew and Peter. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Dentland Chapel Edinburgh on Friday May 15th at 2.45pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Barrington Parish Church Fund may be sent to Alfred Mills, Funeral Director, Wimpole Road, Great Eversden, Cambridge CB3 7HR, of whom enquiries may be made. Tel: 0223 262364.

O'REILLY - On May 10th 1987, suddenly Christopher O'Reilly, beloved husband of Beatrice. 'His silence was golden, so loving and generous' Rest in Peace.

PIKE - On May 8th 1987, at Eastbourne, Sussex, Hilda Annie. Requiem Mass and funeral service at the Church of St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne, on Friday May 22nd at 10.00am followed by interment at Langney Cemetery, Eastbourne, Sussex.

ROSS-MURRAY - On May 8th 1987, in hospital, Mary Dryden of Ail Seredon, Shropshire, for 54 years wife of Charles, Mother of Judith and grandma of Fiona and Sally. Funeral has already taken place. Donations, if wished, to the British Heart Foundation.

SEABROOK - On May 11th 1987, peacefully at home in Bourne End, Margaret Joan (née Spens) beloved wife of Walter, and mother of William, Janet and Thomas, and much loved grandmother. Funeral at Amersham Crematorium on Monday 18th May at 3.00pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Thames Valley Hospice, Hatch Lane, Windsor, Berkshire.

SIMENTON - On Saturday 9th May, tragically in a car accident, Brian, aged 60 years, of Orchard House, Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone, is survived by his wife Jane, son James and daughters Elayne and Caroline. He will be sadly missed not only by them, but also by his many friends in the business and sporting world. May he rest in peace.

SHOESMITH - On May 12th 1987, peacefully at the Harrogate District Hospital, Joan, beloved wife of the late Ronald Shoesmith, dearest mother of Charlotte and Susan and a much loved grandmother. Service at the Harrogate Crematorium on Friday 15th May at 3pm. No flowers please.

STEER - On May 12th, at Emsworth, Isabella (Belle) (née Charlesworth), widow of George John Steer. Beloved mother, grandmother and mother-in-law. Funeral private.

STRACHAN - On May 9th 1987, suddenly and peacefully at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Dorothy Mary widow of Allan Strachan. Funeral strictly private. No letters please.

TUCKER - On April 28th, peacefully at West Dunes, Paget, Bermuda, Molly Castle. Loving wife of Bill and darling mother to Nicky and Sally and grandma of Moby and Eve. Funeral has taken place at St Paul's, Paget, Bermuda on Sunday May 3rd.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PIGGOTT - A memorial service will be held in remembrance of Doctor Charles Antony Piggott, 12 noon, on 4th June 1987, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street.

SARGEANT - A memorial Service for Mr Bertram E. Sargeant will be held at St Helen's Church, Great St Helen's, London EC3, at noon on May 28th 1987.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

ELLIS - Francis Miles Lanning. On his birthday. Remembered with Love.

WELLS - In fond memory of David Lionel, died May 14th 1967 - Peter and Gloria.

YATES Bernard - In memory on this day. Died in his sleep on 14th May 1986 aged 76 years. We shall always love you. Rest in Peace, from Paul, Linda and Courtney.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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A Thanksgiving Service for the late Sir Hugh Fraser, Baronet, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Strathblane Road, Milngavie on Monday 18th May, 1987 at 10.30 a.m. The Service will be conducted by the Very Reverend Doctor J.M.K. Paterson.

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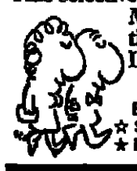
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☆ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Staged for the first time at the National, Peter Hall directs Anthony Hopkins and Judi Dench. Sold out until June.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mon 7-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2-5.45pm, £5.50-£13.

☆ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Dorothy Tutin in an NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £4.50-£13.50.

☆ **COURT IN THE ACT:** Gorgeous Gabrielle Drake alarms Michael Denison and dazzles Lee Montague in this genial 1912 French farce.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri 8-10.20pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm, matinée Thurs 3-5.20pm and Sat 5-7.20pm, £5-£12.50.

★ **THE HAIRY APE:** Peter Stein's acclaimed Schaubühne production from Berlin visits London for one week. Performances in German. Text and synopsis available at the theatre.
National Theatre, (Lyttleton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7-10pm, £8-£15.

☆ **JEEVES TAKES CHARGE:** (see caption).
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, Mats Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £5-£11.50.

☆ **LADY DAY:** Dee Dee Bridgewater in a Billie Holiday musical. Transfer after a sell-out run at the Donmar.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **MEASURE FOR MEASURE:** Shakespeare's prickly drama about sexual corruption in high places: Corin Redgrave plays the supposed paragon.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Tues-Sat 7.30pm, Mats Wed, Thurs, Fri 2pm.

☆ **NUNSENSE:** Off-Broadway musical set in a convent: jokes about dead nuns.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8.00-10.00pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinées Thurs and Sat 3-5.00pm. £6-£13.50.

☆ **A PIECE OF MY MIND:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's play covering 20 years of a writer's life.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.50pm, Sat 5-7.20pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI:** Griff Rhys Jones as Brecht's gangster leader learning how to rule the world.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166): Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.30-7pm, £8-£13.50.



In his later years, Andy Warhol looked on his early films as history, not worth reviving. London's Scala Cinema is rightly paying no attention. For nine days audiences can meet hustlers, transvestites, drug addicts and bike boys, pinned down by a merciless but compassionate camera. Warhol, who is pictured here with a vintage film camera, first became known in movie circles for epic films of the Empire State Building and a sleeping man. But this season concentrates on people awake: the 1966 *Chelsea Girls* presents an extraordinary gaggle of human oddments romping and bickering on two adjacent screens. "Most of it's much too boring," a Warhol collaborator explained, "if you have only one thing at a time to look at." Later films take on some trappings of conventional cinema, especially *Flesh, Trash* and *Heat*. Editing supplies a structure; there is even, on occasion, a whiff of plot. The cast, too, moves from being demi-monde flotsam to star presences: Joe Dallesandro, the impassive hustler in *Flesh*; Viva, strongly featured in *Nude Restaurant* as the prattling waitress. The exploration of Warhol's unique film legacy begins tomorrow with *Bike Boy, Kitchen* and the documentary *Andy Warhol and his Clan*. Scala Cinema, 275-277 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 0051/8052).
Geoff Brown

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **The Golden Years Of Jack Buchanan:** Peter Woodward stars in his own musical tribute to the 1930s charmer.
Repertory Theatre, Broad Street (021-236 4455). 7.30pm, £3.90-£6.90.

BRIGHTON: ☆ **Melon:** New Simon Gray play on pre-London tour, with Alan Bates as another harassed publisher.
Theatre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488). 7.30-9.50. £3.50-£10.

BRISTOL: ☆ **Balmoral:** Revival of Michael Frayn comedy in which Britain had the 1917 Revolution and Russia is still ruled by Tsars.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 264388). Mon-Wed 7.15pm. Thurs-Sat 7.45pm. £1.70-£7.50.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the Great war poets, Siegfried Sasson and Wilfred Owen.
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds, (0284 69505), 7.30pm, £2-£5.50.

COVENTRY: ☆ **As You Like It:** Lionel Blair plays Touchstone in a hillbilly song and dance production.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm £3.25-£5.50, Fri-Sat 8-10.30pm, £3.50-£5.75, matinees 6 and 13 May 2.30pm, £2.

DERBY: ☆ **My Dad's a Nero:** Première of Christopher Denys play about a soldier returning from World War Two.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £2.50.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **The Ruling Class:** Peter Barnes's black comedy blends together the House Of Lords, madness, God and Jack the Ripper.
Playhouse Theatre, Williamson Square (051 709 8363), Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm. Sat 8-10.45pm, £3-£5.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Oslo's Espen Skjonberg rejoins the company to play Shylock, with Harriet Walter as Portia.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, matinée Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £2.50-£8.50.

MOLD: ☆ **An Inspector Calls:** Tom Baker plays the unexpected caller in Priestly evergreen.
Theatr Clwyd, County Civic Centre (0352 55114). Tue-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8-10.15pm, Tues-Thurs £5-£7, Fri-Sat £6-£8, matinée Sat 3pm, £4.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Fashion:** Doug Lucie's gripping and strongly cast study of corruption of loyalties in a PR agency.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm. £6-£7.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Temptation:** Latest sharp comedy by Vaclav Havel, Czech dramatist banned in his own country.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Mon-Fri £6.50, Sat £7.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Titus Andronicus:** aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play; Elizabethans loved it.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-£13.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ★ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ☆ ***Phantom of the Opera:*** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ★ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . .

★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ★ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 9845, cc 01-836 2428).

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. With Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper (120 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
☎ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55.
☆ **Lumière** (01-379 3014, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

■ ***CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD*** **(15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☆ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Three sisters — Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek and Diane Keaton — wrestle with their past and present lives (105 min).
☆ **Odeon Haymarket** (839 7697). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.30.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER (18): The true story of a psychopathic US soldier hanged for killing three Melbourne women in 1942. With James Coburn as the American major on the murderer's trail.
Directed by Philippe Mora. (93 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839-1527). Progs 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.

■ **THE FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR (U):** Joey Cramer as the boy who serves as navigator for a distant planet's space flights (90 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). *Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.*

■ **HAUNTED HONEYMOON (PG):** Gene Wilder's mild parody of the haunted house genre, with Gene Wilder and Gilda Radner as the lovebirds under attack in a large country mansion, and Dom DeLuise in drag as "Aunt Kate" (83 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 6.00, 8.40.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH (15): Whoopi Goldberg takes on the CIA and MI5 in this funky comedy directed by Penny Marshall (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.50, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 2.50, 5.05, 8.25.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

NO MERCY (18): Richard Gere as an undercover cop following a colourful trail through New Orleans and the Louisiana swamps. Richard Pearce directs (108 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.35.

■ **PERSONAL SERVICES (18):** Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters as the London madam (105 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Screen On The Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.50.

PRICK UP YOUR EARS (18): Joe Orton's life, loves and times. Strong performances from Gary Oldman and Alfred Molina as the playwright and lover locked into a destructive relationship (110 mins).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18):** Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual adventures of a black girl in Brooklyn. *Written and directed by* Spike Lee (84 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.15, 8.25.

■ ***STAND BY ME (15):*** *The* adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.

☎ **Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35,

■ **THE VOYAGE HOME — STAR TREK IV (PG):** The Enterprise team star in another slick fantasy. Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min)
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.40.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

ROCK

★ **TOM JONES:** The 46-year-old Welshman follows his comeback to the British Top Ten with his first tour of the country for three years.
Afan Lido, Princess Margaret Way, Port Talbot (0639 884141) 8pm, £11-£16.

★ **ALISON MOYET:** With her catchy pop melodies and sophisticated jazzy delivery, the rich-voiced Moyet has smoothly bridged the generation gap dividing the teenage and yuppie markets.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £9-£10.

☆ **RICHARD THOMPSON:** Just the man and his guitar, performing a variety of material, including traditional English and Scottish instrumental pieces, and rearranged songs from recent albums.
Palace, Appleton Gate, Newark (0636 71636) 7pm,£4.

☆ **THE ICICLE WORKS:** The rock melody trio from Liverpool end a short tour to promote their underrated album *If You Want to Defeat Your Enemy, Sing his Song.*
International 2, 210 Plymouth Grove, Manchester (061 224 5050) 8pm, £4.50 £5.50.

OPERA

★ **TURANDOT:** Opening night of the Royal Opera's revival of Andrei Serban's exuberant Puccini production, with Eva Marton making her house debut in the title role.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£42.

☆ **THE STONE GUEST:** Dargomyzhsky's Don Juan Opera, enterprisingly staged at ENO in tandem with *Don Giovanni* (next Sat). Paul Daniel conducts a strong cast.
Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 8-9.45pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Graham Vick's highly acclaimed production, sung in English by a cast including Sally Hof, Laurence Dale and Elizabeth Gale. Not to be missed.
New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull (0482 29464), 7.15-10.15pm, £3.50-14.50.

☆ **THE SLEEP:** The Brighton Festival in association with the Glasgow Mayfest, presents a new minimalist working of the Orpheus myth by Pete Brooks and Jeremy Peyton Jones.
The Gardener Centre, Brighton, (0273 647357). 7.15-9.45pm. £3-£5.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **JUNIOR STRINGS:** Conducted by Frederick Applewhite, the Guildhall Junior String Ensemble plays a simple symphony by Britten, a romance by Finzi, a concerto by Avison; and in Arnold's flute concerto the soloist is Nils Newman.
Barbican Centre, Silk St. London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 1-1.55pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **ALL XENAKIS:** The Spectrum ensemble performs Xenakis's *Epei, Herma* and *Eonta* in the "Echoes of Le Corbusier" series. Tough modern music.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £3.

☆ **TAUBER WINNER:** Simon Keenlyside gives the Richard Tauber Prize Recital, singing Ravel's *Histories Naturelles*, Schumann's *Dichterliebe* and Britten's Blake Songs.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2-£4.50.

☆ **CHERRY/TERRONI:** Ann Cherry and Raphael Terroni play Dutilleux's Sonatina for flute and piano, sonatas by Jolivet, Gaubert, and Damasse, and Roussel's *Jouers de flûte.*
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50pm, £2.50-£4.

JAZZ

☆ **GIL EVANS:** Jazz's greatest surviving composer-arranger celebrates his 75th birthday at the head of an all-star multinational band featuring Steve Lacy, John Surman, Hiram Bullock and others.
Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 482626). 7.30pm, £6-7.

☆ **THE QUARTET:** Expatriate drummer Tony Oxley features alongside the saxophonist Gerd Dudek in this other multinational band.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.

☆ **COMPANY WEEK:** The latest season by guitarist Derek Bailey's collection of free improvisers features Lee Konitz (alto saxophone), Richard Teitelbaum (synthesizers), Barre Phillips (bass) and other like-minded mavericks.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, London W1 (01-836 2132), 8pm. £3.50.

☆ **MOIRÉ MUSIC:** Trevor Watts, the saxophonist known for his pioneering work with the Spontaneous Music Ensemble, now leads a group dedicated to achieving the re-synthesis of jazz and African music.
Randolph Hotel, Oxford (info 0865 727855), 8pm, £5.

☆ **CEDAR WALTON TRIO:** Literate post-bop piano, somewhere between Herbie Hancock and Bill Evans in approach.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

☆ **AL COHN:** The veteran tenor saxophonist is a graduate *cum laude* of the Lester Young academy.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6.50.

DANCE

★ **RUSHES:** Siobhan Davies's first production for Ballet Rambert opens the London season with Richard Alston's *Dutiful Ducks* and *Zansa*, also Ashley Page's *Carmen Arcadiae.*
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8196), 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£10.50.

☆ **UTT:** Solo by Japanese buto dancer Carlotta Ikeda.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8-9.30pm, £4.90.

☆ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Frederick Ashton's production for the London Festival Ballet is the most poetic staging of the Prokofiev score.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-10.15, £3.50-5.50.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending May 3:

BBC 1
1 Eastenders (Thur/Sun) 20 70
2 Eastenders (Tue/Sun) 19 05
3 Bergerac 12.40
4 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks 11.90
5 One By One 11 30
6 Nine O'Clock News (Mon) 10 60
7 Ever Decreasing Circles (exc Scot) 10.05
8 A Question of Sport (exc. N Ireland) 9 80
9 News and Weather (Sun 9 07pm) 9 50
10 That's Life 9 40pm

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Mon), Granada 13.25
2 Live from the Palladium, LWT 12.75
3 Coronation Street (Wed), Granada 12.70
4 Fields of Fire, ITV 12.70
5 Taggart, STV 11 95
6 Strike It Lucky, Thames 11 60
7 Through the Keyhole, Thames 9.95
8 Who's The Greatest? Thames 9.85
9 The A-Team, ITV 9 70
10 Catchphrase, TVS 9.55

BBC 2
1 International Snooker (Tue 21.02) 7.45
2 Snooker Highlights (Sun) 7.05
3 Sunday Grandstand 6.90
4 International Snooker (Thu 10.10pm) 6.75
5 Have His Carcase (Wed/Sat) 6.30
6 International Snooker (Sat 4.40pm) 5.50
7 International Snooker (Mon 10.20pm) 5.35
8 Gardeners' World (Tue/Fri) 4.95
9 Pony Maniacs 4.75
10 International Snooker (Wed 9pm) 4.65

Channel 4
1 Treasure Hunt 5.50
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.20
3 Brookside (Tue/Sat) 5 05
4 Kids Don't Tell 3.85
5 Cheers 3.30
6 Worzel Gummidge 3.05
7 Planes for Free 2.75
8 4 What It's Worth (Tue/Sat) 2.50
9 Heinz Superhamps 2.35
10 World At War 2.20

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time* Mon to Fri 1.1 (5.7)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.5 (11.4)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

☆ **THE LESSON:** Rudolf Nureyev and Evelyne Desutter star in Flemming Flindt's new production for the Northern Ballet Theatre, together with *Miss Julie.*
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061-236 9922), 7.30-10.30pm, £5.50-£15.50. Matinée with company's own cast 2-4.30pm, £2-£4.75.

GALLERIES

HENRY MOORE: Graphics from the last 30 years, including many strong images of reclining female female figures, by the prolific printmaking sculptor.
Christie's Contemporary Art, 8 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 6701). Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until May 30.

OF THE ANCIENTS: . . . Or of the moderns? It has been controversially suggested that some of these supposedly antique, near-Eastern gems are recent fakes.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). Daily 10-6pm, £2.50, until June 28.

THE MONARCH OF THE GLEN: Landseer's dewy-nosed, uppity 12-pointer has been bought by Guinness from a whisky distillery and is being toured around Scottish galleries.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041-357 3929), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until June 30.

STATE OF THE ART: An exhibition of works by 26 internationally recognized "new artists," first shown at London's ICA to coincide with a confusing four-part programme on Channel 4.
Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston (0772 58248), Mon-Sat.10-5pm, free, until June 20.

JANE JOSEPH: Paintings and drawings of urban scenes and interiors by an artist whose wispy charcoal shading conveys transience.
Angela Flowers Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 3089), Mon-Fri 10.30-6pm, Sat 10.30-12.30pm, free, until May 30.

FROM BYZANTIUM TO EL GRECO: Seventy icons, exhibited in a suitably spiritual ambience, furnish an exemplary introduction to the art of icon painting.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10-6pm, £2.50, until June 21.

WALKS

A VISIT TO DICKENS' HOUSE AND A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS' LONDON: meet Holborn tube (Kingsway exit), 2pm, £2.50.

THE FAMOUS SQUARE MILE — 2000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St. Paul's tube, 11am, £2.25.

BELGRAVIA "UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS": meet Sloane Square tube, 11am, £2.25.

ROYAL LONDON — PLACES AND PEOPLE: meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £2.25.

A GHOST WALK — THE HAUNTED CITY: meet St. Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TALKS

THE JANE AUSTEN OF THE LIBRARY — Beatrix Potter as stylist: lecture by Humphrey Carpenter, writer, broadcaster and author.
Baden-Powell House, Queens Gate, SW7 (01-722 5663), 6-8pm, members free, non-members 50p.

PLATE TECTONICS: Lecture by Dr Peter Clough.
Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, SW7 (01-589 3444), 2.30pm, free.

BUILDING A BUSINESS BASED ON PROMOTIONS: Lecture by Eric Morley, founder of the "Miss World" contest.
Portland Building Lecture Hall, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, 1.15pm, free.

FORMS OF EMPTINESS: Talk by composer Jonathan Harvey.
The Arts Centre, Hockney's, 98 High Street, Croydon (01-688 8624), 8pm, £1.

STONE: (Welsh lecture series.) Audio-visual presentation and lecture by T Williams and P Evans.
British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323), 2pm. free.

OTHER EVENTS

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW: First day of this four-day event. Today you can see dressage and falconry displays, a heavy horse musical drive, competitions for heavy horses and ponies and a coaching marathon. Full catering facilities. licenced bar.
The Home Park, Windsor, Berks (0753 864 975). 8am-6pm, adult £4, child £2. car park £2.50.

BLAKE MORRISON: Co-editor of the *Penguin Book of Contemporary Poetry* and literary editor of the *Observer*, Blake Morrison reads from his second collection The Ballad of the Yorkshire Ripper.
The Poetry Society, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm, reading 7.30pm. Adult £3, student £2.50.

NETHER WICHENDEN HOUSE: Open today and every Thursday afternoon until August, a beautifully restored medieval and tudor manor house, surrounded by 30 acres of landscaped gardens with fine trees, spring bulbs, extensive herbaceous borders and old roses.
Near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire (0844 290101). 2.30pm-5.30, Thurs and selected weekends and Bank Holidays, adult £1.30, child 70p.

ART-FUEL RECIPES: Lunch time cookery demonstration by British Gas South Eastern.
Gas Show Room, Demonstration Theatre, Clarence Street, Kingston, Surrey, 12.30pm, £1 inclunding refreshments.

BRITISH LIBRARY FILMS: Artists in Print — prints and reproduction (11am); Keeping your Words — book preservation (2pm).
British Library, Seminar Room, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

THE GERSHWIN YEARS: London Symphony Orchestra gives a series of concerts, including Hollywood Year, An American in Paris and *Gala Finale. June 21-July 5.*
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

TOSCANINI MEMORIAL: Massimo Freccia conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Verdi's *Requiem* to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Toscanini's death, and in aid of the Musicians Benevolent Fund and the Casa Verdi Home in Milan. June 15.
Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465).

GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY: British tour by company from USSR, June-July, with venues including Glasgow (Theatre Royal 041 331 1234); Southport (Southport Theatre 0704 40404); Newcastle (New Tyne Theatre 0632 320699); Croydon (Fairfield Halls 01-688 9291); and Cardiff (St David's Hall 0222 371236).

LAST CHANCE

THE UNPAINTED LANDSCAPE: Sixteen artists, including Richard Long, David Nash and Andy Goldsworthy, use media other than painting to express sentiments about the Scottish landscape. Ends Sunday.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Bedford Road, Edinburgh (031 556 8921).

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN: Ten major recent works by avant-garde Dada sculptor associated with constructions of tangled metal car wrecks and rubbish dumps. Ends Saturday.
Faiban Carlsson Gallery, 160 New Bond Street. London W1 (01-409 0619).

FLORENCE CHEVALLIER: First of two exhibitions of self-portraits by women photographers. Ends tomorrow.
Gallery 2, Institut Français, 17 Queensberry Place, London SW7 (01-589 6211).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.



THE TIMES / DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

● **Today's question: How many engines had the revolutionary passenger airliner the Douglas Sleeper, or DC2?**

● **Details of this competition appeared in Tuesday's *Times*. Keep your answer to this question and to those which will appear on this page tomorrow and in the Saturday section. Instructions on how to enter will be repeated on Saturday.**

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Tom 7.45 **LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** Great Russian Masterpieces.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tom 8.00 **The Siege Coast.** Tomor 7.30 **Orpheus in the Underworld.**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Sadlys Info 854 6905. S CC. Tickets £2-42 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Tom 7.30 **THE ROYAL OPERA** Tomor 7.30. Tomor 7.30 **The Nightingale/L'Enfant et les sortilèges.**

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THE ARTS

A bit too green

Television's treatment of environmental issues thrives on the shocking image: the cancerous fish; the instant dustbowl; the tar-feathered seabird. All *Only One Earth* (BBC2) could manage were some old family snapshots of a little girl in intensive care after open-heart surgery. The fact that her congenital defect has been linked to the leakage of industrial chemicals into the local water supply was baldly disturbing, but the programme struggled to find a way to grip the viewer.

This disaster struck the Ross family of Silicon Valley, California – that costly showcase of the American Dream

TELEVISION

whose very lawns appear to be composed of something grander than mere grass. A confessedly "green" television series will naturally wish to dwell on this colour, but the suburban-paradise footage lacked an effective counterpoint.

One ended by sympathising with the squeaky-clean Rosses not so much for their battle for compensation from the microchip giants (which, for legal reasons, was inconclusive) but for the fact they could not even take an outing in the car without being harried by flute and guitar music.

The health of Britain's junkies is an altogether more pertinent topic. This week Granada's *War on Drugs* has provided some fascinating insights into how the various concerned agencies operate – or (which may not be the same thing) how they would like to be seen to operate.

Last night's programme was the jolliest of the three, with Geoffrey Robertson suggesting to his horseshoe of attentive professionals a sequence of fictitious events which included a cannabis-spiked cake at a birthday party. The only quibble one might have with Mr Robertson's often whimsical approach was that he failed to establish a clear enough distinction between cannabis and heroin.

One of the finds of the week has been Allan Parry, the Drugs Information Officer for the Mersey Regional Health Authority. His insistence that pure heroin is in itself relatively innocuous has called down contumely on his head, and last night he was berated for his willingness to show addicts the safe way to inject: he would prefer them to give up the drug with all their limbs intact. One would hope that his sensible, realistic attitude might spearhead a revolution in policy which this series has shown to be crucially overdue.

Martin Cropper

Out of this world . . .

CINEMA

That's Life (15)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue

House II: The Second Story (15)
Leicester Square Theatre

Il Petomane (PG)
Cannon Swiss Centre

Blake Edwards is quite a phenomenon: where many American directors of his vintage have retreated to television or sit at home waiting for offers, Edwards brings out one big-screen movie after another. That's Life is his 33rd film as a director since 1955, and one of three to emerge in the last 12 months. He ploughs ahead, moreover, regardless of success or failure: the six years since *Victor/Victoria*, his last sizeable hit, have seen two ignominious *Pink Panther* films, a sluggish remake of Truffaut's *The Man Who Loved Women*, and a botched Laurel and Hardy homage, *A Fine Mess*. How does the man do it?

That's Life provides something of an answer: it shows a director so engrossed in his own life and career, his films and personal problems, that the hard world outside scarcely gets noticed. Edwards's wife Julie Andrews stars with Jack Lemmon, a friend from the time of *Days of Wine and Roses*; shooting principally took place at the Edwards's elegant Malibu beach house, with a supporting cast of chums and children. To ensure that the personal dimension stretched beyond faces and objects, Edwards wrote the script with his psychiatrist, Milton Wexler.

Lemmon plays the director's surrogate: an architect, turning 60, in a slough of despondency over his age, health, professional standing and sexual performance. Andrews is the idealized wife who out-Jobs Job – a singer who keeps mum about her throat cancer tests while nursing her husband's depression. Children, friends and neighbours gather for the birthday weekend, bringing their own problems.

Edwards propels these shadows and skeletons of his own life through a loose parade of serious scenes with comic offshoots. The architect hero is never at peace: even his lawn sprinklers attack him, and when he finally conquers impotency with an obliging palmist (played by Lemmon's wife, Felicia Farr) the result is an attack of crabs. Lemmon attacks his part with exhausting frenzy – the shoulders perennially stooped, the sentences half-finished and barnacled with nervous laughs. Andrews, by contrast, faces her world with stoic nobility: she might be playing Joan of Arc.

Neither performance is particularly endearing, making it all the harder to take the characters to heart. Despite sprightly sight-gags in Edwards's best manner, the comedy scenes grow progressively strained, and the material's organization – never the director's strong point – crumbles.

What might have been a mordant comic study of affluent lives in disarray emerges perilously close to the bland television series *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*.

"I say let's go for it!" says the hero's buddy in House II: The Second Story. So they march to the cemetery with lights and shovels, dig up a wizened 175-year-old relative kept alive by a crystal skull with magical powers, and take them both back to a Gothic mansion. We seem set for conventional mayhem, for ghouls with axes decimating the cast. But *House II* – sequel to one of last year's big horror hits – rings some pleasant changes on the genre. Thanks to the skull's magic, the house constantly changes shape and century: the lead players, Arye Gross and Jonathan Stark, stumble into a Western street, an Aztec temple (plus sacrificial virgin) and a prehistoric jungle with the usual wildlife. And, when cast members disappear, this is only because of sloppy scriptwriting.

This lively horror-comedy was written and directed by Ethan Wiley, who previously worked with George Lucas's company Industrial Light and Magic. He obviously likes special effects, and rounds out the humans with a pterodactyl chick and a dog-faced caterpillar. Acting honours, however, are stolen by the veteran Royal Dano, covered in whiskers and wrinkles as the Old West outlaw still game for life in the 1980s. Despite the 15 certificate, children, rather than teenagers, seem the film's natural audience.

It is difficult to describe Il Petomane without being coy or rude, for the subject is Joseph Pujol, the entertainer from *la belle époque* who earned some 20,000 francs a night from the noises most of us try to hide. The film opens by re-creating his act at the Moulin Rouge: after impressions of wind-breaking by a cardinal, a blushing bride and others, Pujol uses his freakish posterior to blow smoke-rings and perform popular classics (with conventional musical accompaniment). The celebrated Italian comic Ugo Tognazzi gives a remarkably delicate performance under the circumstances, though a little of Pujol's act goes a long way – especially when the sounds are artificially manufactured by studio technicians.

But what really drags down this curiosity is the attempt to provide a background story. The running battle with the League of Morality serves a useful purpose in exposing the era's hypocrisy, but the social whirl is disastrously evoked in a party scene clogged with famous names ("Call me Arnold", says Schoenberg). More importantly, the romance with the aristocratic Catherine (broadly played by Mariangela Melato) lacks any pinch of reality. The film, made in 1983, was stodgily directed by the late Pasquale Festa Campanile, a doughty supplier of local fodder.

Geoff Brown



Engrossed in personal problems: Jack Lemmon as Harvey discusses his aches and pains with his wife Gillian (Julie Andrews) in *That's Life*

Donald Cooper



Brian Cox: above-average resources of desolation and agony

Shakespearian horrors transformed into farce

THEATRE

Titus Andronicus
Swan, Stratford

However unknowable Shakespeare's intentions may be elsewhere, they are perfectly clear in this old shocker: the aim is to satisfy a public taste for sadistic spectacle. But when the RSC cut it down to a one-act catalogue of atrocities (along the lines of Stoppard's three-minute *Hamlet*) the result was a notable flop. Six years later, it now returns in its entirety, including all the republican pieties, the ceremonious recap of the plot and the multiple kisses bestowed on the dead warlord. And instead of masking it in scenic elaboration (the approach of Peter Brook and Trevor Nunn in previous revivals) it appears naked at the Swan on a stage (by Isabella Bywater) suggesting an execution block.

The production, by Deborah Warner, is in line with the stripped-down style of her work for Kick Theatre. Music is restricted to a pair of timps; costume consists of grey practice outfits of no particular date. Directorial emphases are subdued. They are there, nonetheless; particularly in the decision to capitalize on the Swan's design and treat the audience as assembled Romans. The show opens and closes with public speeches to the house (backed up with a few plants cheering the new Emperor); and when Titus makes his triumphal first entrance he looks decidedly put out when the house fails to rise to its feet in his honour.

I think this is a mistake, as it implies a weight of civic maturity which the play does not carry. It also clashes with the treatment of the intervening events, which begin by ascending to full Guignol horrors and then make a transition into black farce.

Set aside the republican framework, and the production makes better sense, as it recognizes that "character" in the full Shakespearian sense does not exist in this play. Its people leap from stereotypes of villainy and pathos for the sake of the actions they are required to perform. On such terms there is plenty of life in them.

Brian Cox's Titus, having exhausted his above-average resources of desolation and agony by half-time, makes a spectacular comeback as a maniacal joker, greeting his disguised arch-enemy, Queen Tamora, with deadpan mockery, and serving up the cannibal pie by clambering over the table in a chef's hat. Miss Warner, admittedly, goes over the top by prefacing this scene with a parade of servants whistling the seven dwarfs' work-song from *Snow White*.

At least they have the pretext of an outstandingly wicked queen in Estelle Kohler: a sexually invincible monster who instantly gets the feeble Emperor (Jim Hooper) under her thumb, and whose smiling rectangular mouth snaps shut like a rat-trap with every fresh stratagem. Peter Polycarpou, following Antony Sher's Shylock as the second racial villian of the season (to be followed by *The Jew of Malta*) gives Aaron a cheerfully bloodthirsty manner which takes some of the sting out of the mutilations and dismemberings.

Irving Wardle

DANCE

Ballet Rambert
Sadler's Wells

Richard Alston's hand as artistic director of Ballet Rambert is to be seen this year not only in the choice of ballets but also in their arrangement into programmes with a theme. The first, which opened the Sadler's Wells season on Tuesday, is meant to illustrate the company's emphasis on collaboration with contemporary music and design.

That definition stretches things somewhat, as Alston's *own Dutiful Ducks*, new to the repertory since last year, has no setting, dresses the dancers in simple and unattributed costumes and has for "music" a sound poem by Charles Amirkhanian. However, its quick, quirky movement and eccentric variant on classical virtuosity is engaging, amusing and exhilarating.

The other work new to the Rambert repertory is *Rushes*, created by Siobhan Davies for Second Stride five years ago. The movement is mainly slow, as is Michael Finnissy's score for solo piano (skilful playing by Christopher Swithinbank). The choreography leaves even more spaces between its actions than does the music, which gradually accelerates towards the end, where cascades of notes could provide some significance for the title. David Buckland's design, based as usual on his photographs, suggests rather the cinematic meaning of rushes.

Alston's interest in working with painters is manifested in this programme only in the opening and closing works, both premièred last year.

On seeing *Carmen Arcadiae* again, I am not sure that Jack Smith's design really benefits ballet. The starting-point was *Harrison Birtwistle's score* which he describes as a homage to the painter Paul Klee. The music and Ashley Page's choreography are both so fragmented, so kaleidoscopic, that Smith's similarly fragmented décor seems too much of a good thing.

Alston's own *Zansa* gains most from collaboration. Nigel Osborne's music has compelled strong, often daring movement, and John Hoyland's backcloths, with his schematically coloured costumes, add to a sense of half-concealed drama. This exciting work is worthily danced, with Alexandra Dyer outstanding as the figure who acts as a catalyst in the second half.

John Percival

CONCERTS

BBCPO/Downes
Free Trade Hall, Manchester/Radio 3

It is more than seven years since Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* was last seen in the North of England, and the economic climate makes its early return improbable. Yet, even though this is surely one of the finest scores from the 19th century, it may not be wise to revert to performing excerpts, because the music loses so much of its power when played out of context.

Edward Downes, though he knows that context extremely well, had difficulty in generating the exuberance of Siegfried's Rhine Journey when the music was tacked on to the Dawn interlude; and after that all the combined energy of the BBC Philharmonic was still insufficient to re-create the bleak majesty of Siegfried's Funeral Music.

Another problem is of course balance, when a singer is introduced for Brünnhilde's Immolation. Nineteen brass instruments are one thing at the back of the pit, quite another on the concert platform. So even Gwyneth Jones had trouble making herself heard, often needing to scoop up to notes or push them some distance from pitch. She did, however, at last evoke a context. From the moment when Brünnhilde addresses her horse Grane it was as if we were in the opera house. Her final greeting to Siegfried was shattering as ever.

And, as if to confirm the old joke that the fall of the gods makes far less noise than Richard Strauss's baby in the bath, these extracts were preceded by the much-maligned *Sinfonia domestica*. Noise there was, certainly, but the performance was remarkably persuasive because Downes soft-pedalled the potentially embarrassing features of the work and concentrated on the symphonic argument.

It is not Strauss's tightest structure, and the score contains many details that will always lead to precarious intonation. But there is a notable economy of thematic material that is exploited with extraordinary skill. Downes's reading left one puzzled why – expense apart – the work is so seldom heard.

David Fallows

LSO/Tate
Barbican

A change of violin soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra brought the London début of an impressive new talent in Raphael Oleg, the Paris-born first prize-winner at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow last year. Now aged 28, he played the Brahms Concerto not just with commanding technique but with a maturity of poetic feeling much beyond his years.

For any comparable performance my mind was taken back beyond the Perlmans and Zukermans to Gioconda de Vito and even to David Oistrakh when he first enraptured his audiences here, but this is not to force any undue parallel. The newcomer is his own master in sweetness of tone (I would love to know what violin he plays), in exceptional legato and in the fine judgement he brought to the weight of his attack and the pressure of bow across the strings.

His initial entry had a striking pungency that was soon mellowed into a breadth and sensitivity of phrasing, bringing special pleasure in the central Adagio, but which also sustained strength of character in the opening movement and a lively spirit in the finale. Jeffrey Tate's conducting secured a degree of orchestral support that was vigorous rather than polished.

It would not come amiss if the LSO looked to their platform punctuality instead of strolling on after the advertised starting time as if they still had half an hour in hand, raising on this occasion what could only be an ironic scatter of applause when the first players deigned to appear.

Their programme began with a brisk, and at times almost too bustling, account of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, in which the second movement was more nervously *agitato* than the intended *scherzando*, and the finale, in particular, suffered from an unduly heavy sense of effort.

Noël Goodwin

Stodgy Sibelius

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL

Finnish RSO/ Saraste
Dome

The Dome does not possess the most flattering of acoustics; they are almost unbearably dry. But all the same the first of the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra's appearances at the Brighton Festival, during which it is to play all of Sibelius's symphonies, *Kullervo* included, showed it to be an orchestra which cannot as yet be called first-rate.

The woodwind department is often poorly tuned, with a particularly scrawny oboe section, while the strings, although they can deliver a full-bloodedly romantic sound when the tune is right, do not always play sufficiently crisply elsewhere. One would expect these players, however, to be at one with their national composer, and so, despite such problems, one sensed they were.

Their chief obstacle in attempting to draw out all the emotional stops and transcend their abilities lay not so much in the absolute quality of the orchestra as in the performance of their conductor, Jukka-Pekka Saraste, who spent much of his evening beating time doggedly and thus achieved the effect of deadening the atmosphere and too readily dissipating climaxes. A work such as the relatively objective Third Symphony, you might think, would have suffered less than the more overtly romantic First Symphony, yet it did not.

In the motoric climax to the Third finale, for example, Saraste failed to generate the tremendous sense of energy which should surely have been there, while it was perhaps significant that the most affecting passage in the entire piece was the point in the lovely second movement at which the cellos divide, as, though playing chamber music with each other. The slight coarseness of the woodwind, meanwhile, gave to the sound of the first movement a pleasing edge, yet the reading seemed stillborn.

Saraste chose not to conduct the First Symphony from the score, but that did not result in any more satisfying a performance. Again the climaxes, particularly in the first movement, were insufficiently spacious, and the slow movement, tarnished by the poorest woodwind tuning of the evening, lacked the Tchaikovskian ripeness it requires. There was, too, a hesitancy about the scherzo that destroyed entirely the effectiveness of the quick-fire exchanges across the orchestra. Yet the finale did show some signs that Saraste can engender a feeling of involvement, and one can only hope that this was an omen for the later concerts in the series.

Meanwhile, Cécile Ousset showed him the way with due extravagance in her marvellously *outré* performance of Grieg's Piano Concerto. If you are going to do this overworn work at all, I suppose that this is the way to do it.

Stephen Pettitt

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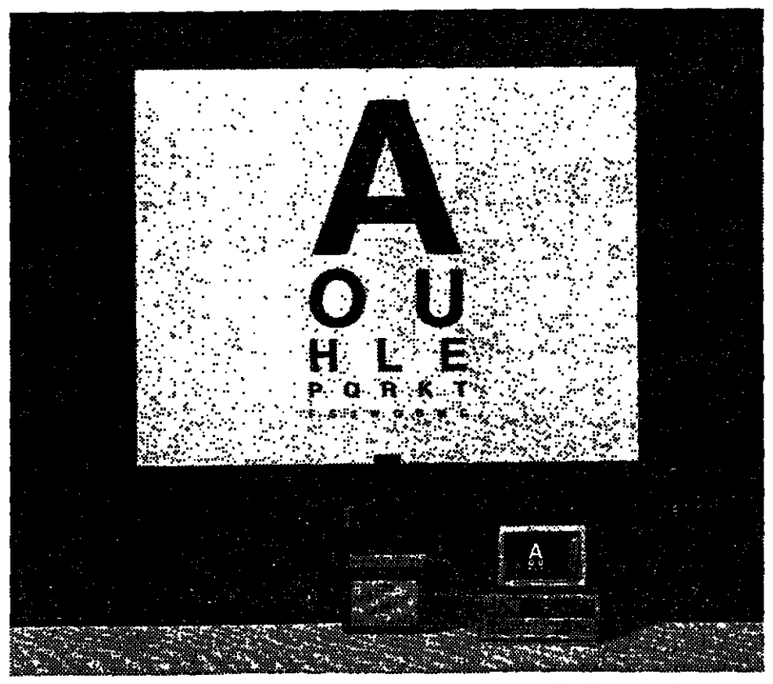
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Barbie turns trial on its head by leaving the court

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the jury and the Lyons court that I am detained here in an illegal manner. I was the victim of a kidnapping, and the matter is at present being examined by the Bolivian Surpreme Court.

"In spite of all the respect I have for you, Monsieur Le Président, members of the jury and the public prosecutor, I wish to say I am a Bolivian citizen and if I find myself here in person it is because I was expelled illegally. I have no further intention of appearing before this tribunal and I ask to be taken back to the St Joseph prison.

"I have a lawyer, and in spite of the climate of vengeance and lynching campaign being carried on by many of the French media, I entrust to my lawyer the care of my defence and ask him to fight for honour and justice."

There were exclamations throughout the court, and shouting from the public. The judge demanded silence.

The public prosecutor, M Pierre Trûche said: "For the honour of French justice Barbie is being given the chance to explain himself . . . He is very strong when he has someone in front of him who can't defend himself, but naturally he now is afraid to go back over his past."

The senior barrister from Lorraine, Maître Roger Souchal Bâtonnier of Nancy, brought a hush when he called out directly to Barbie across the vast colonnaded courtroom: "At the age of 17 I was arrested in Strasbourg, tortured and sent to a concentration camp. I would have wanted you to have the courage to face people you have tortured, and look them in the eye. You do not have it, and I say, without any hate: You are a coward."



Maître Vergès: Withdrawal was Barbie's own idea.

Maitre Vergès rose and shouted: "These gentlemen are all very much at home, but I am honoured to defend this lonely man in the midst of this atmosphere of a lynch party."

A young barrister, M Alain Jakubovicz, representing many of the Jewish organizations bringing civil actions against Barbie along side the criminal prosecution, for alleged torture and deportation to the concentration camps of many of the Jews of Lyons, called out: "You may be honoured to be representing your 'lonely man' but I have the honour to represent six million ghosts."

Barbie seemed to have been touched by the accusation of cowardice because he asked to speak again and said: "This is a purely judicial affair, and nothing to do with cowardice." He went on to talk about his expulsion from Bolivia and to allege that Maitre Klarsfeld had been involved in a plot to kidnap him from Bolivia in 1973

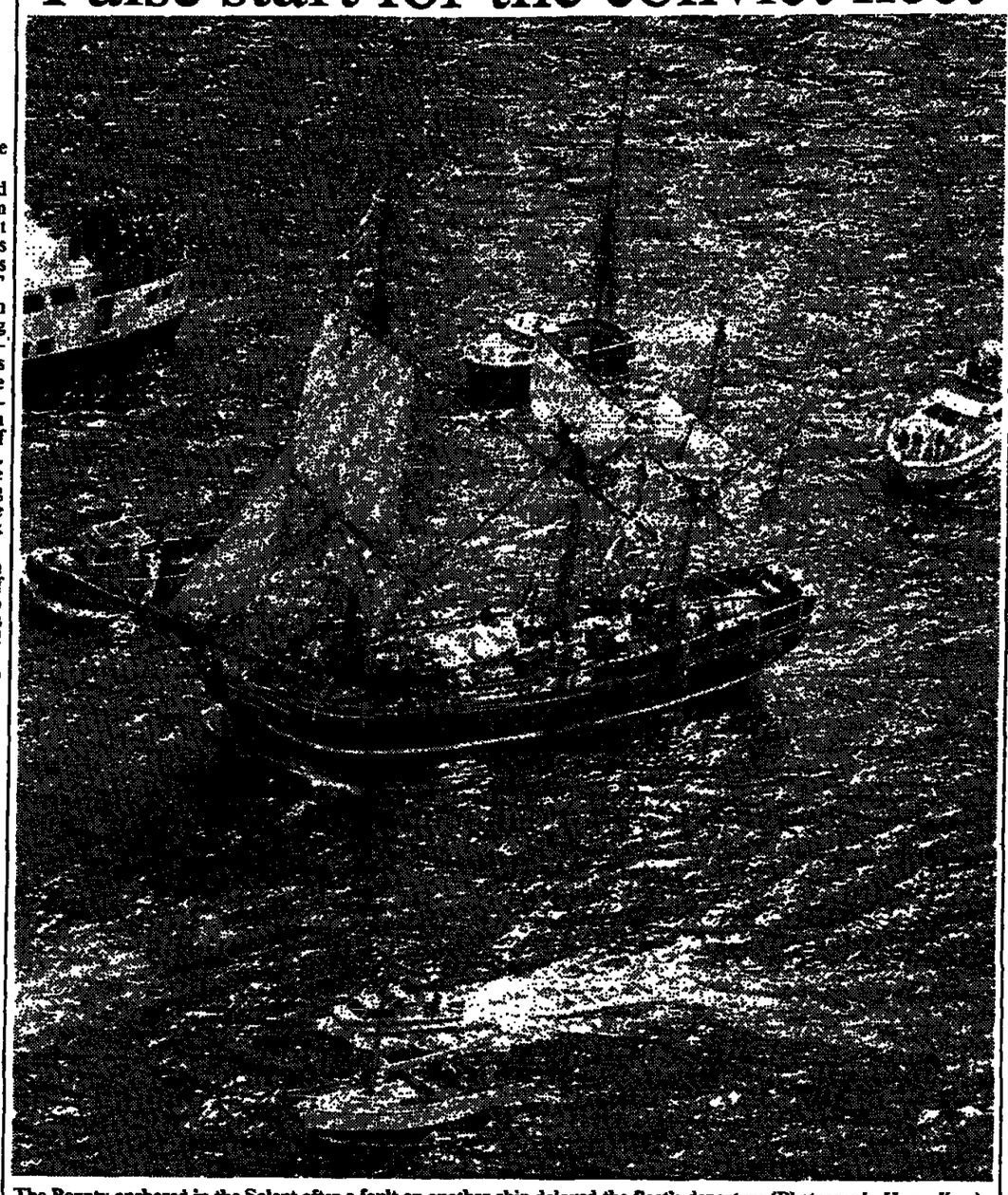
The prosecutor, Monsieur Trûche, asked if Barbie wished to withdraw from the trial, did he still want the witnesses he had summoned to appear? Barbie replied: "Yes, I want the witnesses to come, and the trial can go ahead, but I won't be here."

Earlier, Barbie had spoken of the time from 1947 to 1951 when he worked for the US Counter Intelligence Corps in Germany, and claimed that he had been forced into working for them because they were holding his baby son hostage.

His son Klaus-Georg was killed in a hang gliding accident in May 1981 and Barbie's voice broke as he admitted he had been engaged to serve the US Army but added: "My young son, who unhappily is dead now, was kept for nearly two years as a hostage by the Americans near Kassel, where he was with a good lady, in order to force me to obey."

At the beginning of the day's session M Cerdini continued his questioning from the night before about Barbie's Nazi beliefs. The judge asked him what was his opinion on the problem of "inferior races" such as gypsies, Jews and Slavs. When pressed, Barbie said: "I have no hate against these minorities. I never had any. I don't know the word hate."

False start for the convict fleet



The Bounty anchored in the Solent after a fault on another ship delayed the fleet's departure (Photograph: Herry Kerr).

Australia's bicentennial fleet set sail from Portsmouth yesterday —and promptly sailed back again.In a fair wind and sparkling sunshine the fleet set off, but had to leave its flag ship behind at anchor.

And at dusk, most of the Australia-bound ships had turned back and were anchored in the lee of the Isle of Wight or creeping back inconspicuously into the anchorage from which they had been given such a rousing send-off a few hours before.

Two hundred years ago, the Portsmouth authorities had breathed a sigh of relief when the penitential fleet of convictships which had lain for months miserably off shore, its inmates dying like flies, finally departed.

Yesterday the Queen was there to give the signal for the fleet to set out to retrace the original eight-month voyage in greater comfort and with infinitely greater razzmatazz.

Ten of the eleven ships hoisted sail at the Royal command and rolled away before the wind in a majestic parade.

But the Soren Larsen, the flag ship of Commodore Mike Kichenside, remained obstinately at anchor, detained by an engine fault, which was not remedied until spare parts had been rushed out from the shore and the Queen and the rest of the fleet had, temporarily, faded over the horizon.

Seven of the eleven ships which picked their way through a suicidal melee of spectator boats plan to sail all the way, and to arrive in Sydney on Australia Day next year. They are crewed principally by 125 trainees who are paying up to £14,000 for the experience, or about £2,000 for a single leg of the seven-stage journey.

The Queen reviewed the antique squadron from the frigate Sirius, lineal descendant of the frigate Sirius which was flagship of the original fleet — a vessel almost exactly like the Bounty.

Peter tatchell, the former Labour candidate for Bermondsey, was one of 10 people arrested yesterday after placards campaigning for aboriginal rights in Australia were unveiled .

Commons sketch

No jokes please in the twilight zone

"Guinness" said Sir Alex Fletcher (Conservative, Edinburgh Central), "is suffering from a marked shortage of genius". He then misguidedly paused for laughter, but, even in a house where a heckle such as "Go away you old goat" is chortled over years later, and the merest word from Mr Norman St John Stevas is compared favourably with the complete works of Oscar Wilde, laughter came there none.

The Scottish socialists had grimmer things to say. Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West) raided the Nazi drawer, comparing the forthcoming Conservative meeting at Perth to the Nuremburg rally, and the Secretary of State for Scotland to Dr Josef Goebbels. When the real unemployment figures became known, he suggested, the Tory party in Scotland would be reduced to a rump.

It should here be noted in defence of the Scottish Tories that, if they provoke little merriment, neither do they succumb to much outrage. Instead they sit, one looking very much like another, in stunned and unanimous silence, like multiple twins who have just bumped into Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross) in a dark alley. Mr Canavan did not help the presentation of the full horror of his analogy by sitting down amidst gales of his own laughter

Question: When is a joke not funny? Answer: When it is spoken in a Scottish debate. Only serious and solemn accusations, delivered in deep and measured tones, bring forth howls of glorious mirth.

Another Scottish Labour MP accused the Government of fiddling the Scottish unemployment figures on no less than 19 occasions. Now this was more like it: the Scottish Tories rocked with jollity. The Secretary of State for Scotland informed the House that his accuser was "quite wrong".

It was soon established that the two sides of the house would never agree whether Scotland was going through a period of unparalleled joy or pure misery. But most of them could agree on one thing. Was not the Rt Hon Gentleman, the member for Glasgow Hillhead, a disgrace to Glasgow? Here! Here! Both sides were unanimous in their verdict.

Only a couple of Scottish liberals remained wallflowers in the cheering party. Luckily, Mr Roy Jenkins was not there to hear these vile calumnies on his character. No doubt he was, as per usual, parading the back allies of Glasgow, chewing raw neeps, spray-painting crude slogans learnt on too many trips abroad, sniffing a particularly good vintage of Gloy, and swinging his caber, leaving a flotsam of elderly and innocent victims in his wake.

No discussion on Scotland would be complete without a hideous warning from Mr Tam Dalyell. Correction. No discussion on the Later Works of Henry James, the breeding of fresh-water trout or the prettiest route between Great Yarmouth and Southend would be complete without a hideous warning from Mr Tam Dalyell. He looks strangely like an elongated Dame Margaret Rutherford in the role of the Red Queen as he rises to speak.

He never says "eight years ago" when he can say "in the year nineteen hundred and seventy nine"; he never says "four months ago" when he can say "Is it not one hundred and five days since...". But, rather like Sweeney Todd discussing the football results, his circumlocutions tend to precede agonizing horrors for those who have trespassed into his chamber.

"He is behaving like a bounder and a cad", one Tory said as Mr Dalyell suggested inquiries to clear the names of Mr Airey Neave and Sir Maurice Oldfield. "Disgraceful!", "Bad taste!", burbled Tory back-benchers, who had sat in quiet comfort while the prospects for unemployed youth in Scotland had been detailed only minutes before.

While the Abolition of Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill was being rushed through, only six Conservative members could be spotted in the chamber. Was this evidence of "the twilight days of the Scottish office", as one member claimed, or could it be that the rest of them were out joining the Glasgow Hillhead Neighbourhood Watch scheme, out to catch the crazed graffitist Mad Roy McJenkins before he wreaked more damage?

Craig Brown

Diverted Contra funds turned over

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that as National Security Adviser he had reported "dozens" of times to President Reagan on what was being done to help the Contras (Michael Binyon writes).

But at no time during his testimony to Congress did he suggest that Mr Reagan knew of the illegal diversion of funds.

He said that he had briefed the President generally, based on intelligence information, on the Contras' activities, including any increase in their forces and their declining fortunes on the battlefield.

His evidence yesterday, the third day of his gruelling testimony before the joint congressional hearings on the Iran-Contra affair, came after a passionate outburst in which he shouldered all the blame for the fiasco and insisted President Reagan had acted throughout in keeping with the law.

Mr McFarlane admitted late on Tuesday that he had "gilded" the initial accounts of the arms deal. He had inappropriately used "tortured language" to mislead last December, when he denied the White House had solicited Contra aid from third countries, notably Saudi Arabia.

Asked by Senator Paul Sarbanes, a Maryland Democrat, whom or what he had been trying to protect in giving the gilded account of certain facts, he replied: "Very likely myself, my reputation, my own record of performance.

"I believe, Senator Sarbanes, that President Reagan's motives and direction to his subordinates throughout this enterprise has always been in keeping with the law and national values," Mr McFarlane said.

Weary and grim, he added: "I don't think he is at fault here . . . And if anybody is, I am." He also hotly defended Colonel North, his fellow Marine at the centre of the affair.

Alliance announces reforms strategy

Continued from page 1

giving the country a chance to regenerate itself.

They claimed proportional representation was essential to the revitalisation of democracy, ending the present system whereby government ruled with a clear minority of the vote and ending extremism. They wanted PR for all elections from local through to European, and there would be no deal with any party that did not accept "at least a part of that".

Dr Owen accepted that the introduction of PR for Westminster elections was "easily the hardest issue", but argued that it would be harder for the other parties to resist the Alliance case for PR if it had been prominently on the agenda throughout the campaign.

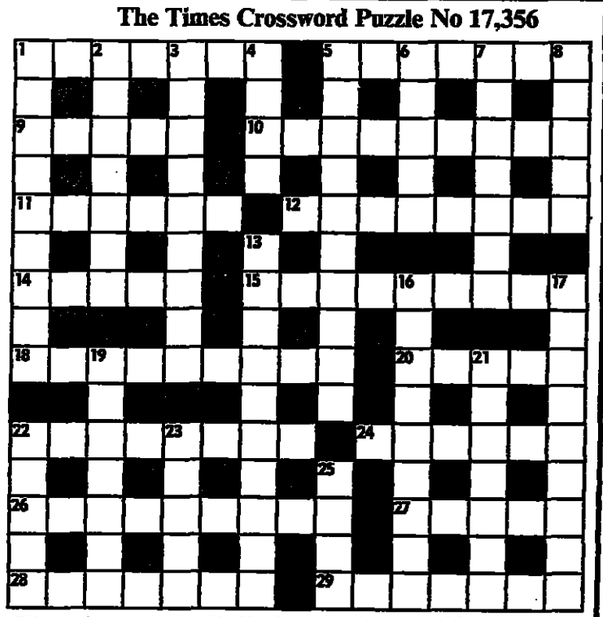
The withholding of information had enabled public servants to become the public's masters. "Freedom of information legislation will make parliament more effective, ensure justice is seen to be done, help tackle corruption, incompetence and waste, and reduce the power of vested interests lobbying in secret."

On regional autonomy the two leaders said their aim was "that no decision should be taken at a higher level of government which could with equal or greater effectiveness be taken at local level".

They continued: "People will need little convincing that the institutions in Whitehall and Westminster have become antiquated and often farcical. We intend to change them dramatically, to strengthen individual MPs, and the ability of the House of Commons to maintain surveillance over the executive, parliamentary oversight over the security services, and to make whitehall more responsive to the democratic wishes of the citizens."

The Alliance also pledged yesterday to change the law, opening the way for an 18-year-old MP to be elected.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,356



This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 50 per cent of the competitors at the 1987 Glasgow regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

ACROSS

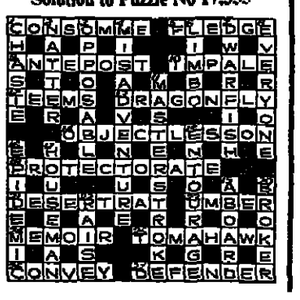
1 Man, for example, accepted by theologian as the pattern (7).
5 Initially Carmen has divine voice but little craft (7).
9 Conspirator responsible for the highest rent? (5).
10 Happy in France to devour coarse biscuit (9).
11 Gunners trapped in boggy ground or marsh (6).
12 Blank state produced by "Russian Flower" violin arrangement (8).
14 Changed daily woman (5).
15 Chap eating out needs some salt (9).
18 Wild pigeon race plummeted in America (5-4).
20 Vision is feeble — line has disappeared (5).
22 Playing an hautboy endlessly, the German way (8).
24 Raising agent to make pointed remark about Olympic finalists (6).
26 Instrument for long-distance off-peak calls (9).
27 Boxed jewel at end of a passage? (5).
28 Trousers, perhaps, not right in this silk (7).
29 Colourful display of buttons by worker (7).

DOWN

1 Creatures much put upon take slippers in case (4-5).
2 Like a party under cover? (7).
3 Left with repairs to Noah's vessel, found usurer (4,5).
4 Way of thinking about an attempt on fourth of July (4).
5 These turbulent priests could have corns by tea-break! (10).
6 Teacher's pet practically (5).
7 Sculptor nominally welcome in Florence? (7).
8 Priest with a name for being a lover of lamb, we hear (5).
13 Regular tunnel not found in Winchester? (6-4).
16 Letting oneself down? It can be seen on the face (9).
17 Trojan hero's endless curse from outer part of cell (9).
19 A month to work as an inkslinger (7).
21 Senior lady piano-scholar (7).
22 Stop at sea (5).
23 House wine receptacle to disappear (5).
25 Bite crisp biscuit (4).

Concise crossword, page 10

Solution to Puzzle No 17,355



WEATHER

The morning will start cloudy and wet in many places with some prolonged spells of quite heavy rain, more especially in the south-east and Midlands. This will gradually move away south-eastwards and the brighter, cooler, showery conditions already over some western and northern areas of Britain will spread to most parts, although south-east England may stay rather cloudy with some rain. It will be mostly rather cool. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: mostly rather cool and breezy, especially near northern and eastern coasts, with sunshine and showers. Cloudier conditions with some light rain at times will reach western Scotland and Northern Ireland early on Saturday, spreading to some northern parts of England during the day. It will become generally dry and fine in the south later. Some ground frosts overnight in all areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	c	16	61	Majorca	s	26	79	
Alicante	s	22	72	Malaga	s	27	81	
Alex'dria	s	25	77	Malta	s	21	70	
Algiers	s	28	79	Melb'rne	th	17	63	
Amst'dm	f	9	48	Mexico C*	s	24	75	
Athens	s	20	68	Miami*	f	27	81	
Bahrain	s	34	93	Milan	f	13	55	
Barbads*	s	30	86	Montreal*	f	14	57	
Barcelna	f	17	63	Moscow	c	17	63	
Belgrade	s	24	75	Munich	r	7	45	
Berlin	c	11	52	Nairobi	th	25	77	
Bermuda*	s	24	75	Napli	f	20	68	
Biarritz	c	15	59	N Delhi	f	27	81	
Borde'x	f	14	57	N York*	f	29	84	
Brussels	f	9	48	Nice	s	21	70	
Budapst	c	15	59	Oslo	r	5	41	
B Aires*	f	18	64	Paris	f	9	48	
Cairo	s	29	84	Peking	s	21	70	
Cape Tn	r	16	61	Perth	c	17	63	
C'blanca	f	20	68	Prague	c	11	52	
Chicago*	s	14	57	Reykjvik	c	5	41	
Ch'church	f	19	66	Rhodes	c	18	64	
Cologne	c	9	48	Rio de J	s	24	75	
C'phgn	r	8	46	Riyadh	s	37	99	
Corfu	f	19	66	Rome	f	20	68	
Dublin	f	12	54	Salzburg	r	7	45	
Dubrovnik	c	17	63	S F'isco*	f	19	66	
Faro	f	21	70	Santiago*	f	14	57	
Florence	f	20	68	S Paulo*	f	26	79	
Frankfurt	f	11	52	Seoul	c	19	66	
Funchal	f	20	68	Sing'por	th	27	81	
Geneva	r	8	46	St'kholm	c	9	48	
Gibraltar	s	22	72	Strasb'rg	f	11	52	
Helsinki	r	8	46	Sydney	s	24	75	
Hong K	s	30	86	Tangier	f	20	68	
Innsbruck	r	5	41	Tel aviv	s	24	75	
Istanbul	s	20	68	Tenerife	f	24	75	
Jeddah	s	33	91	Tokyo	c	23	73	
Jo'burg*	s	22	72	Toronto*	s	14	57	
Karachi	s	32	90	Tunis	f	14	57	
L Palmas	s	22	72	Valencia	s	21	70	
Le Toquet	f	11	52	Venc'ver*	c	12	54	
Lisbon	f	20	68	Venice	r	19	66	
Locarno	c	15	59	Vienna	r	11	52	
L Angels*	s	22	72	Warsaw	r	16	61	
Luxembg	th	7	45	Wash'ton*	s	28	82	
Madrid	f	21	70	Wel'mon	s	13	55	
				Zurich	c	9	48	

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.0	.18	13	55	sunny
Bridlington	4.3	.15	12	54	shower
Cromer	1.0	.31	9	48	rain
Lowestoft	1.2	.12	12	54	shower
Clacton	4.0	.14	13	55	shower
Southend	4.5	.21	14	57	hail
Margate		.30	13	55	shower
Folkestone	5.4	.22	15	59	shower
Hastings	6.1	.28	-	-	shower
Eastbourne	7.4	.28	15	59	shower
Brighton	4.2	.21	14	57	hail
Worthing	6.2	.12	15	59	shower
Littlehmptn	6.2	.20	15	59	shower
Bognor R	6.0	.07	15	59	hail
Southsea	7.1	.08	15	59	bright
Sandown	6.5	.12	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	6.8	-	15	59	bright
Bournemth	6.2	-	15	59	sunny
Poole	6.5	-	15	59	bright
Swanage	7.2	.03	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	6.3	.10	15	59	sunny
Exmouth	5.7	.03	13	55	hail
Teignmouth	8.9	-	14	57	sunny
Torquay	8 8	-	14	57	sunny
Falmouth	9.4	.22	13	55	sunny
Penzance	9 3	.19	14	57	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.2	.07	13	55	sunny
Jersey	6.4	.24	14	57	sunny
Guernsey	6 8	.13	14	57	sunny
Newquay	6.8	.24	13	55	sunny
Ilfracombe	4.5	.45	12	54	shower
Mumbead	10.2	.41	13	55	sunny
B'pool Airpt	2 8	.32	11	52	shower
Morecambe	1.9	.23	12	54	shower
B'ham Airpt	3 4	.09	11	52	hail
Bristol (Cnt)	9 1	-	14	57	sunny
Carlisle	3.1	.12	12	54	shower
London	4.9	.15	14	57	shower
Manchester	1.0	.45	10	50	shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	5.5	.13	9	48	rain
Nottingham	3.0	.14	11	52	shower
Anglesey	7 6	.07	12	54	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	9 7	.22	13	55	shower
Tenby	9 5	.19	13	55	sunny
Aberdeen	8.3	.04	10	50	shower
Edinburgh	5.3	.20	10	50	hail
Eskdalemuir	3.0	.13	9	48	th nd r
Glasgow	6.7	.25	13	55	sunny
Kinloss	3.2	.22	9	48	shower
Lerwick	4 4	.02	9	48	hail
Prestwick	4.3	.23	13	55	bright
Stornoway	8.2	.13	10	50	shower
Tiree	9.2	.09	10	50	sunny
Wick	9.6	.05	10	50	hail
Belfast	8.5	.24	12	54	hail

These are Tuesday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.52	7.0	3.19	7.1
Aberdeen	2.24	4.1	2.38	4.2
Avonmouth	8.28	13.2	8.54	13.2
Belfast	—	—	12.12	3.4
Cardiff	8 13	12.1	8.39	12.1
Devonport	7.05	5.4	7.30	5.4
Dover	—	—	12 12	6 5
Falmouth	6.35	5.2	7.00	5.2
Glasgow	1.52	4.5	2.01	4.8
Harwich	12.53	4.0	1.19	4.0
Holyhead	11.30	5.6	11.51	5.6
Hull	7.32	7.2	7.49	7.3
Ilfracombe	7.11	9.1	7.34	9.2
Leith	3.38	5.5	3.59	5.5
Liverpool	12.11	9.4	12.30	9.4
Lowestoft	10.50	2.4	11.03	2.5
Margate	12.44	4.8	1.19	4.7
Milford Haven	7.25	7.1	7.46	7.1
Newquay	6.15	7.1	6.36	7.1
Oban	6.49	4.0	7.18	4.0
Penzance	6.00	5.5	6.27	5.5
Portland	8.17	2.1	8.49	2.2
Portsmouth	12.27	4.8	12.43	4.7
Shoreham	12.05	6.2	12.29	6.1
Southampton	—	—	12 11	4.4
Swansea	7.32	9.6	7.53	9.7
Tees	4.48	5.4	5.07	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	12.46	4.2	1.11	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.435	2.315
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	64.65	61.45
Canada $	2.312	2.203
Denmark Kr	11.68	11.08
Finland Mkk	7.59	7.19
France Fr	10.33	9.83
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	225	215
Hong Kong $	13.45	12.75
Ireland Pt	1.163	1.103
Italy Lira	2240	2130
Japan Yen	245	231
Netherlands Gld	3.50	3.32
Norway Kr	11.56	10.96
Portugal Esc	238.50	227.50
South Africa Rd	4.65	3.85
Spain Pta	215	205
Sweden Kr	10.85	10.30
Switzerland Fr	2.555	2.425
USA $	1.738	1.658
Yugoslavia Dnr	1080	990

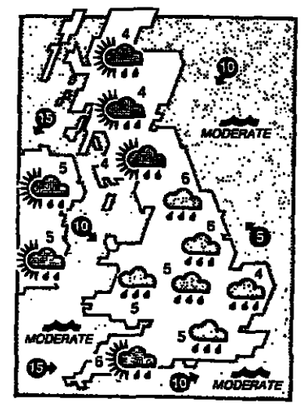
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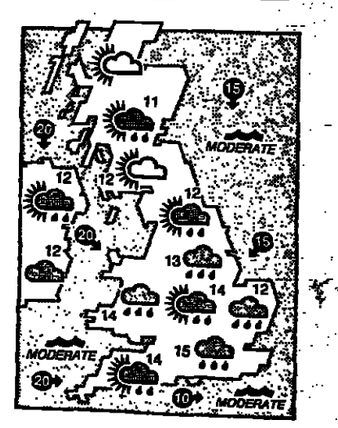
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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.14 pm to 4.40 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 4.50 am
Edinburgh 9.46 pm to 4.31 am
Manchester 9.31 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 9.30 pm to 5.07 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	f	10	50	Guernsey	s	10	50
B'mingham	c	11	52	Inverness	c	9	48
Blackpool	s	11	52	Jersey	c	12	54
Bristol	f	13	55	London	f	12	54
Cardiff	f	13	55	M'nchster	f	11	52
Edinburgh	r	10	50	Newcastle	f	11	52
Glasgow	f	10	50	R'mldsway	f	10	50

Sun rises: 5.11 am — Sun sets: 8.44 pm
Moon sets: 5.09 am — Moon rises: 10.52 pm
Last Quarter May 20

LONDON

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C(57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F) Humidity: 6 pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.15in Sun: 24 hr. 6 pm to 6 pm, 4.9hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,002.6 millibars, rising 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

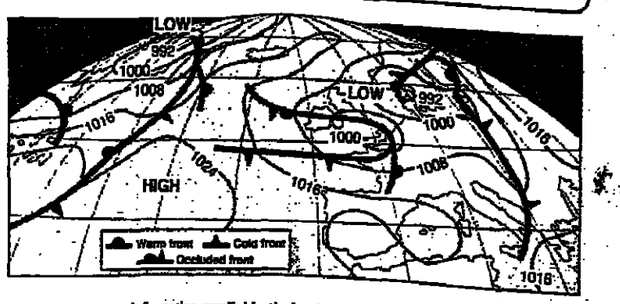
MANCHESTER

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C(50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C(46F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.45in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1hr .

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: highest day temp: Bournemouth and Southampton, 15C(59F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, 7C(45F); highest rainfall: Fife Ness, 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Minehead, 10.2 hr.

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1680.5 (+10.1)

FT-SE 100
2163.4 (+20.1)

Bargains
46728 (52941)

USM (Datastream)
174.31 (+1.66)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6695 (+0.0010)

W German mark
2.9934 (+0.0118)

Trade-weighted
73.5 (+0.3)

Pittard close on Garnar bid

Pittard Group appears to have won the battle for control of Garnar Booth, the tanning company, as acceptances for its £29.1 million bid crept above the 50 per cent mark.

However acceptances representing 1.5 per cent of Garnar have still to be validated. Subject to the outstanding validation or further acceptances the Pittard offer will be declared unconditional.

Profits ahead

Land Securities' latest property valuation of £3 billion (£2.54 billion) gives the property development and investment group a net worth of 488p a share (420p). Pretax profits in the year ended March rose from £112.9 million to £120.6 million, and the year's dividend rises from 9.8p to 11p a share.

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Lawrence Lever, a City reporter on *The Times*, has been named BES Journalist of the Year in the first awards for the Business Expansion Scheme sector. The awards were sponsored by BEST BES, which gives financial advice.

Tunnel loan

The Channel tunnel project has received a further boost with confirmation that the European Investment Bank, the EEC's development fund, has agreed a £1 billion loan to Eurotunnel, guaranteed by a syndicate including British and French banks.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2313.65 (–8.95)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24363.19 (–172.66)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2833.53 (–19.89)
Amsterdam: Gen	286.1 (+1.4)
Sydney: AO	1849.4 (+5.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1799.6 (+16.8)
Brussels:	
General	4628.6 (+27.1)
Paris: CAC	452.1 (–2.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	93.02 (+0.10)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Glaxo	1554p (+46p)
Blue Circle	904p (+26p)
Royal Insurance	918p (+19p)
Cakebread 'A'	135p (+18p)
Meyer Intnl.	385p (+18p)
JH Fenner	202p (+14p)
Gartunkels	251p (+17p)
K Brookes	359p (+21p)
Southend Stadium	658p (+17p)
Yorkshire TV	366p (+13p)
Owners Abroad	114p (+16p)
RHM	331p (+14p)
Reed Intnl.	455p (+21p)
Stylo	288p (+15p)
General Accident	940p (+15p)
Kleinwort	519p (+29p)
Land Securities	467p (+15p)
Inchcape	677p (+17p)
FALLS:	
Lucas	589p (–10p)
British Aerospace	638p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 8 13/16–8 11/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8 19/32–8 5/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 6 5/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.54-5.57%*
30-year bonds 99 23/32-99 13/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6695	£: $1.6705*
£: DM2.9934	$: DM1.7905*
£: SwFr2.4492	$: SwFr1.4715*
£: FFr9.9636	$: FFr5.9785*
£: Yen233.90	$: Yen139.70*
£: Index:73.5	$: Index:100.4
ECU £0.694227	SDR £0.784282

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $459.50 pm-$460.50
close $461.00-461.50 (£276.00-276.50)
New York:
Comex $462.50-463.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $18.90 bbl($18.67)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Sun Life shareholders reject proposal for extra directors

Liberty loses board battle

By Cliff Feltham

The future of the £720 million Sun Life insurance group remained uncertain last night after the South African Liberty Life group said it would continue its fight for a boardroom role at the company, where it is a large shareholder, despite losing a battle to appoint three of its own directors.

At the annual meeting shareholders voted overwhelmingly against three resolutions to elect directors put up by Transatlantic Insurance — effectively controlled by Liberty Life — which owns 25.7 per cent of Sun Life.

But Mr Michael Middlemas, Transatlantic's managing director, who launched a strong attack on Mr Peter Grant, the Sun Life chairman, for spending £500,000 campaigning against the proposals, gained a small victory when he managed to block a special resolution aimed at allowing the directors to increase the share capital. This required a 75 per cent majority which was impossible to achieve without support from Liberty.

Later Mr Middlemas said he had no intention of giving up his fight and still wanted to agree a merger between the two companies.

"We hope the Sun Life board will respond quickly and positively to our appeal to recognize the realities of Transatlantic's position. The company plans to remain as a large long-term, committed shareholder in Sun Life and has no intention of selling its shareholding," he said.

Mr Grant, who has been linked to talks with Sun's rival Pearl Assurance, denied after the meeting that he was looking for a white knight but added: "If we are going to be subject to continual harrassment we must wonder if we can continue as an independent life office."

Mr Middlemas — who was seeking election to the Sun board along with executives Mr Dennis Marler and Mr Michael Rapp — decided not to oppose the re-election of Mr Grant to avoid what he described as "further unnecessary damage to the company."

He said he had not expected his modest proposals to be met by a "proxy campaign of such intensity."

"The nature of the campaign to generate the maximum number of proxies has not been of our making and appears to have been based on the mistaken premise that Transatlantic was attempting to take back-door control of Sun Life. We have clearly stated that this is not our intention.

"In any event, members of the board, as experienced businessmen used to the workings of boardrooms, will know that three members in a board of 16 cannot possibly carry any resolution against the wishes of the majority of the board," he said.

But in what is expected to become a war of attrition, the South African investors have sent an 11-page letter to Sun Life criticizing the performance of the company in some areas. In particular, it notes the increasing average age of the Sun Life board and asks why boardroom pay has gone up sharply.

Mr Middlemas demanded a poll on the three resolutions, but with nearly 27 million proxies representing 47 per cent of the shares cast in favour of the board, against his own holding of just over 15 million shares, he knew he was heading for certain defeat.



Peter Grant: looking out for a white knight?

ABF refuses to co-operate on Berisford stake

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr Garry Weston, chairman of Associated British Foods, has refused to give assurances to the board of S&W Berisford over the future of the 23 per cent stake he bought last week for £133 million.

His refusal came during an hour-long meeting on Monday with Mr Ephraim Margulies, the Berisford chairman, and two senior colleagues.

"We were grateful for an opportunity to meet Mr Weston but there seemed to be a total lack of desire to communicate," said one of the Berisford deputation yesterday.

Clearly disappointed at the outcome of the meeting, Berisford held further discussions at the Office of Fair Trading with a view to establishing whether or not there were grounds for an OFT review of the position.

The Berisford board hoped to reach an understanding with Mr Weston in the light of City speculation that ABF may use its new shareholding to launch a hostile takeover bid aimed at gaining control of British Sugar Corporation, the Berisford subsidiary.

British Sugar has been the subject of speculation for some time. ABF bought its holding from Ferruzzi, the Italian food group whose plans to take over Berisford were blocked this year by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Both Ferruzzi and Tate & Lyle, whose bid plans were also rejected by the MMC, were principally interested in British Sugar. Tate retains a 14.2 per cent holding in Berisford, which since the Commission's decision is believed to be for sale.

At Monday's meeting, Berisford hoped Mr Weston would agree to sign a joint statement expanding ABF's comment last week that it regarded the Berisford holding as a "long-term investment."

"We hoped Mr Weston would agree not to purchase any further shares in our company without consultation and we also wanted to discuss areas of possible future co-operation between his company and our own food businesses. We were not even given a chance to discuss our proposed joint statement," said a Berisford director.

"We did not feel we could be sure that ABF could be regarded as a friendly shareholder, and it therefore seems sensible to regard it as the opposite," said Mr Henry Lewis, Berisford's executive deputy chairman.

There is now a good deal of rancour in the Berisford boardroom over the attitude of both ABF and its adviser, County Bank, formerly adviser to Berisford.

Senior executives are angry about a note sent on Monday to clients of County's stockbroking side, County Securities, saying Berisford was an unknown quantity, even to its own board. The circular went on to say Berisford could have a high break-up value "but it could be a can of worms."

The new management team brought into Berisford over the past year feels speculation over the British Sugar subsidiary is damaging plans for developing BSC as the nucleus of a significant food division.

Mr Lewis, a former Marks and Spencer director, and Mr Peter Jacobs, formerly of Mars and now managing director of BSC, both believe there is considerable scope for growth by acquisition. Several possible acquisitions are being considered.

"The stock market has for too long held a number of misconceptions about us," said Mr Lewis. "The new management at Berisford aims to diversify from its traditional profit centres in both financial services and food. We want to get across to investors one thing above all: British Sugar is definitely not for sale."

Bank fears sudden rate cuts

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, yesterday gave a warning against further rapid cuts in interest rates. Although M0 and the inflation outlook for the next year were reassuring "there are grounds for not wanting to see interest rates fall too far or too quickly".

The Governor said that there was a potential conflict between objectives for the exchange rate and for the domestic economy which had presented the main EMS member countries with serious dilemmas from time to time.

Intervention in the foreign exchange market could not be an adequate solution to any sustained conflict between external and internal objectives for economic policy. Abandoning targets for sterling M3 did not mean that the behaviour of the wider measures of money and credit, which have grown rapidly, were any less important than before.

The Bank of England is to introduce a new measure of the money supply called M4 which will include building society deposits.

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Robin Leigh-Pemberton: a warning of conflict

First gilt auction is oversubscribed

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England's first auction of gilt-edged stock went smoothly yesterday, with the £1 billion issue 2.3 times oversubscribed.

Market-makers and the Bank described the auction as a technical success that cleared the way for further auctions on the same pattern later this year, but they said that the prices at which players bid for stock were unexciting.

Competitive bids for the Treasury 8 per cent 1992 ranged from the highest at £98.75, giving a yield of 8.32 per cent, to the lowest accepted by the Bank of £98.25, giving a yield of 8.45 per cent. Participants bidding at the lowest accepted price were allotted 33 per cent of the amount applied for while higher bidders received their full amount.

All but £600,000 of the stock was allotted to competitive bidders, while the rest went to non-competitive bidders at an average price of £98.30, with a yield of 8.43 per cent. The issue is on a partly-paid basis, with half the value payable on issue and half in July.

Dealers were surprised at the wide margin between highest and lowest bids but said that, on average, the price closely reflected the price at which the stock had been trading on the when-issued market before the auction.

All bids had to be in by 10.00 am yesterday and the result of the auction was announced by 11.30 am. Dealing in the stock continued throughout the auction, however, unlike in a tender issue when dealers wait to see how much they have been allotted.

Most of the bidding is believed to have come from market-makers rather than institutional investors who are allowed to bid separately under the Bank's rules. Market-makers reported a modest demand from overseas investors.

OECD lower rates call

Paris (AP-Dow Jones) — Ministers from 24 Western industrial nations agreed yesterday that countries with low inflation rates should foster a further decline in interest rates as a means of fuelling non-inflationary economic growth.

The statement released at the end of the two-day annual meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said: "In view of the outlook for low inflation in many countries, a further decline of interest rates in these countries — in particular a market-led decline of long-term rates — would be helpful."

Monetary policies of OECD governments "should remain geared toward growth of monetary aggregates and maintenance of financial market conditions consistent with low-inflation objectives and real growth potential. They should also contribute to the orderly behaviour of exchange rates."

Ministers also agreed on the long-term need to reduce farm subsidies in a move to end the surpluses that threaten havoc in world agriculture.

It was decided to shift away from spending government money on supporting farm prices and towards income support.

Guinness 'giveaway'

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness gave away distribution and trademark rights worth $250 million (£150 million) to Schenley Industries, it was alleged in a New York court.

The allegation was made by Mr Herman Merinoff, the former head of the Renfield Corporation which used to distribute Gordon's Gin in the US. It was brought by Schenley Industries last year for $45 million. Guinness also transferred to Schenley the distribution and trademark rights to Dewar's whisky.

Schenley, owned by Mr Meshulam Riklis, bought more than 17 million Guinness shares during Guinness's bid for Distillers. Guinness is not a party to the US court action, brought by Schenley against Mr Merinoff and Martini & Rossi, alleging fraudulent inducement.

Lawyers for the defendants claimed Mr Thomas Ward, the former Guinness director, promised the Gordon's contract to Mr Riklis, enabling him to buy Renfield at its $45 million book value.

New round of oil licences

By Teresa Poole

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Energy, yesterday announced licence awards for 51 blocks in the tenth round of licences for offshore oil and gas exploration, and said the industry was "on the threshold of a second generation of exploration" in the North Sea.

Of 127 blocks on offer, locations near existing fields in the southern gas areas proved most popular. There was little competition for frontier fields, with only one being allocated, a deep water block in the Rockall Trough which went to a group operated by Occidental Petroleum.

British Gas, newly privatized and now free to apply for oil as well as gas interests, was awarded interests in only two potentially oil-producing blocks, 9/28b and 9/29b, through a consortium with Marathon Oil as operator.

British companies accounted for 25 of the 69 successful applicants, but operatorships were again dominated by large US companies.

Huge profit rise at Ratners

By Carol Ferguson

A profit increase of more than 400 per cent at the high street jewellery chain Ratners — the rise helped by the acquisition of H Samuel — failed to stimulate the share price yesterday. The group is now considering its next move in the contest for control of Combined English Stores, whose interests range from jewellery shops (Zales, Weir and Collingwood) to women's fashion shops (Paige).

Pretax profits jumped to £22.5 million (£4.3 million) for the year to January 31, but the comparison is distorted by the inclusion of H Samuel for the 30 weeks since it was acquired in July 1986.

If H Samuel had been included in the previous year's figures for the same 30 weeks, group profit would have all but doubled from a pro forma £11.6 million to £22.5 million. The dividend was raised by 33 per cent to 4p net a share.

Ratners' £302 million bid for CES was pipped last week by a £325 million bid from the Next clothing chain run by Mr George Davies. The chairman and managing director, Mr Gerald Ratner, acknowledges the possibility of doing a deal with Next. "I wouldn't rule out a deal with George."

He also conceded that a higher bid on the old format would be too expensive, but one option would be to pre-sell many CES shops. "We really only want the jewellery shops."

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Crown and Polycell could go in management buyout

Reed to sell DIY operations

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Reed International, the much rationalized publishing and packaging company, yesterday signalled the likely sale of its paint and Do-It-Yourself (DIY) products division, the brand names of which include Crown and Polycell. Crown is Britain's second-largest-selling paint brand while Polycell is the clear market leader in home decoration adhesives.

The sale would be Reed's biggest single move yet in whittling down its number of core businesses and estimates suggest it might raise close to £200 million. A management buyout bid is under consideration and, if it went through, could prove to be among the biggest yet seen in Britain.

The management buyout consortium, including representation from operations abroad, is led by Mr Peter Burns, the division's chief executive. Among more than 20 other key managers is Mr Paul Lever, the managing director of Crown paints. Supporting the bid is Charterhouse Development Capital, the buyout specialist.

But there could be other bids. Mr Peter Davis, Reed's chief executive, said: "In recent years a number of people have shown an interest in the paint and DIY so we decided to go public to allow us to talk to some of them. It also gives the management buyout team time to make their arrangements."

At least one is foreign-based which has raised speculation that Berger paints, part of Germany's Hoechst, may have been among those interested. Mr Davis said that while some approaches had been for part of the group business, Reed would prefer to sell off the paint and DIY interests as a whole.

Reed hopes to make a further announcement on the prospects of a sale towards the end of next month.

The future of the paint and DIY group was being considered because Reed wants to concentrate resources on its two other main businesses of packaging and publishing, the company said. Substantial investment was planned in its manufacture of packaging and paper as well as the continued expansion of publishing. Reed has been expanding particularly its US publishing interests.

The group employs about 5,000 people and had a trading profit of £18.9 million in the last full year to March of last year on a turnover of £288 million. It accounts for about 15 per cent of total Reed turnover. Its trading capital in March stood at £93.2 million.

In the six months to last September, turnover was £155 million while the trading profit at £12.9 million was nearly 39 per cent up on the comparable previous period. With Easter, the annual peak for DIY sales, falling late this year, the City has been looking for trading profits for the year to rise to about £22.5 million, an increase of about a fifth.

Since early in this decade, Reed has pulled out of a wide variety of businesses, including printing with Odhams, national newspapers with the Mirror group and wallpaper with Sanderson. Building products, a capital intensive business, was sold off.

As a result, trading profit as a percentage of capital employed, has in the last four years jumped from 9.9 per cent to 17.4 per cent.

Mr Davis said: "We think there are a lot of opportunities in publishing both in the US and outside the US. Also we think there are a number of opportunities in the packaging and paper businesses and we are putting in a lot of investment there."

Reed has been restructuring its packaging and paper portfolio of businesses, one move being out of paper sacks and more into plastic containers.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Profit at Henderson drops to £4.42m

Faced with problems in the security division and sluggish demand in the industrial door market, Henderson Group saw pretax profits sink from £5.52 million to £4.42 million in the year to February.

Henderson said its decision to dispose of the Normand division, which makes geared electric motors, should help to strengthen the balance sheet. The sale should reduce the company's gearing to about 18 per cent from the 34 per cent which prevailed at the end of the financial year. Earnings per share fell to 12.6p from 15.4p and the company, which posted an 8 per cent increase in sales to £86.91 million, is paying a final dividend of 5p, making 7.5p for the year.

News bond up to £75m

The sterling Eurobond issue for News International announced this week has been increased from £50 million to £75 million after good demand, the lead manager, Credit Suisse First Boston, said. It pays 9¾ per cent over five years and each £1,000 bond has one warrant, exercisable for two years into a non-callable 9¾ per cent bond due 1994 at par.

Musterlin book buy

Edinburgh's Canongate Publishing, the specialist in children's books and classics, has been acquired by Musterlin, the Phaidon art books publisher, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market just over a year ago. The price is not disclosed. Canongate will continue to operate from Edinburgh, and no changes in staff are anticipated.

IDB fails jobs target

The Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board (IDB) has failed to meet its target for creating new jobs in the last financial year, though not by as wide a margin as the year before. In its annual results, the IDB shows a 44 per cent increase in new jobs and a 56 per cent increase in new investment but only from the extremely low basis of 1985-86 when scarcely 50 per cent of the jobs target was achieved.

Mr John McAllister, the chief executive of the IDB, said he was encouraged by the results – 4,187 jobs against a target of 5,000.

DSC dealings suspended

Trading on the Stock Exchange in the shares of DSC Holdings, formerly known as Diamond Stylus, was temporarily suspended yesterday morning at the company's request, pending an announcement. There is speculation that DSC, which makes and distributes record-playing styli and accessories, is about to announce a reverse takeover.

No mega-bid from BTR

Mr John Cahill, the new chief executive of BTR, yesterday ruled out any major takeover bid in the short term. But the industrial holding combine does plan a number of smaller acquisitions. "I do not see BTR making a mega-bid in the immediate future, they are not very fashionable at present," he said after the annual meeting.

STOCK MARKET

Bridon tipped for takeover as shares reach new peak

By Michael Clark

Bridon has been tipped as a takeover target ever since it changed its name from British Ropes in 1974. After years of speculation, it now looks as though that long-awaited bid may be finally on the way.

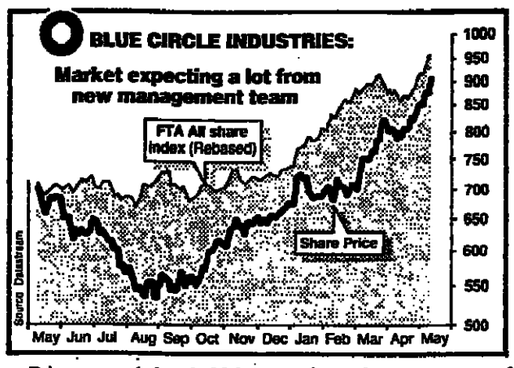
Yesterday **Bridon** stood out with a rise of 14p to an all-time high of 191p amid some hefty turnover of the shares. Dealers, who have been keeping a close eye on the company, claim it could soon be on the receiving end of an offer of 220p, which would value the company at £121.5 million.

Speculation has heightened in the past past nine months by the build-up of a number of large holdings. Last year, Mr Richard Wiesner, former finance director of Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, emerged as the holder of a 4 per cent stake in the company. He was quickly joined by Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian financier, with about 5 per cent holding and, at the last count, even Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, held a 1 per cent stake.

Dealers think it unlikely that Dr Marwan has any intentions of making a bid and say he will be satisfied with any profit should anyone else decide to make a move. Mr Marwan has a keen nose for bid situations and built up a large holding in Fleet Holdings before United Newspapers finally made its move.

The market still thinks the best bet is a bid from Mr Weisner or the ambitious Mr Maxwell.

The rest of the equity quickly recovered from Tuesday's bout of profit-taking and was helped by a encouraging overnight performance on Wall Street.



Prices opened sharply higher in early trading as the buyers made another welcome appearance.

Investors remain confident that the Government can secure a third term of office and are banking on Britain's strong economy attracting overseas support once the election is out of the way.

Dealers reckoned there had been strong overseas support for shares first thing, with the pattern of trading again repeating last week's movements with prices closing below their best levels of the day as the Americans and Japanese withdrew after completing their buying programmes.

This was also reflected in the FT 30-share index, 10.1 up at 1,680.5, having been 15 points up earlier. The FT-SE 100 recovered all of Tuesday's fall to finish 20.1 up at a record high of 2,163.4.

Government securities, still scenting the prospect of cheaper money, made a firm start but soon ran out of steam as the first-ever auction for £1 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 1992 got under way. It went off smoothly but left prices at the longer end of the market nearly £½ lower at the close.

Only index-linked stocks managed to salvage any support, thanks to this week's news of the increased cost of raw materials. They managed to score gains of more than £¼.

Bid hopes boosted **Rowntree Mackintosh** another 10p to 534p as word went round that someone had bought at least 1 per cent of the company. But yesterday's turnover of just 2 million shares seemed to indicate this story was wide of the mark.

Among the leaders, **Glaxo** stood out with a leap of 40p to £15.48, after £15.52, as more than 4 million shares – worth £62 million – were traded in response to the bullish recommendation from Barclay de Zoete Wedd, the broker, which was a big buyer of the shares again yesterday.

BZW is impressed by Glaxo's research products and long-term prospects. Earlier this week, Salomon Brothers, the US investment house, came out singing the group's praises.

ICI firmed 6p to £14.16, also helped by bullish noises from BZW. The privatization stocks were looking a little steadier and in some cases managed to pinch a few gains. Shares of **British Gas** partly paid firmed 2p to 111p as 30 million shares changed hands, while **British Telecom**, a strong performer of late, held steady at 307p as 7.2 million shares were traded. **British Airways** also managed a 2p rise to 172p on turnover of 16 million shares. Over on the "grey market", shares of **Rolls-Royce** came in for some light profit-taking ahead of the start of official dealings next week. The price closed 3p lighter at 133p in its part-paid form. The prospect of yet lower interest rates – possibly after polling day – has breathed new life into the building sector. Analysts are hoping that the cheaper money will prompt an increase in building activity in this country which will be good news for the building industry. One stock which has clearly benefited from the sector's re-rating is **Blue Circle Industries**, which climbed 27p to a new peak of 905p.

The shares are still being tipped by a number of analysts as a strong recovery stock. After hitting a low of 520p last August, the price has risen more than 350p this year and building analyst Mr Andrew Melrose at Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, says it looks set to hit £10.00.

Mr Melrose says: "It's one we like. The key is the new management team." He expects it to start whipping the group's UK operation back into shape after performing a similar task on its North American activities. "They have made it clear they intend to work the same sort of magic in the UK. Profits have been going nowhere. Clearly we are now over the worst," he adds.

Elsewhere in the building sector, **Rugby Portland Cement** also sported an 8p rise at 246p while gains were also seen in **Spring Ram**, 10p to 404p; **BPB Industries**, 9p to 775p; **Cakebread 'A'**, 10p to 127p; **F Copson**, 6p to 259p; **S Miller**, 14p to 90p; **Newarthill**, 15p to 970p; **Taylor Woodrow**, 10p to 430p; and **Wilson Connolly**, 11p to 343p.

Grand Metropolitan, the hotel, drinks and leisure group, advanced 4p to 521p ahead of interim figures later today. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, is looking for a figure of £167 million.

Guinness rose 3p to 336p as Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, and James Capel, the broker, arranged a placing of 43.38 million 5¾ per cent Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference shares (14.5 per cent) with various institutions. The shares belonged to Greatbrand, a company formed jointly by Guinness and its former financial adviser Morgan Grenfell at the time of the bid for Distillers. Mr Marcus Agius at Lazard Brothers described the sale as a "tidying-up operation". The Guinness share price is now 7p above the level it stood at when the Department of Trade and Industry investigators moved in on December 1.

Garfunkels, the restaurant chain, leapt another 19p to 253p after learning on Tuesday that the group was in bid talks with a mystery suitor. Most of the betting was on rival **Kennedy Brookes**, of Wheeler's and Mario & Franco fame, to make an offer which lifted the share price 20p to 358p.

Walter Lawrence, the construction group, slipped 2p to 146p as a large chunk of the company went through the market. Morgan Grenfell Securities placed 12.6 million shares (26 per cent) with 20 institutions at 142p. They were previously held by clients of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management who bought them at 85p in September. At these levels, they still look undervalued.

TEMPUS

Ratners poised for Next move

There is nothing much wrong with Ratners' performance as a retailer. Earnings per share, always the best measure if there has been a takeover during the year, doubled last year to 16p (fully diluted).

This year, pretax profits should rise to between £38 million and £40 million, giving earnings per share of 22.5p, up 40 per cent.

But for a quality retailer with significant growth to come, the prospective multiple of 15 looks mean, especially compared with a sector average of 16.5. Next, Ratners' rival bidder for Combined English Stores, is on 18.

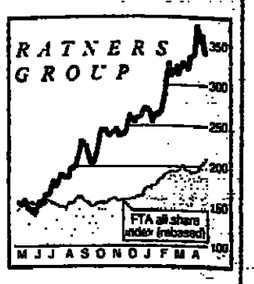
The market is worried that, in bidding for CES, Ratners is trying to bite off more than it can chew, and is marking the shares down on the basis that, if it succeeds, it will need to issue an awful lot of paper.

Ratners' 358p-a-share offer is well below both the CES share price of 410p and Next's offer of 414p. Given that Next is twice the size of Ratners, it can afford to call the shots, and can match or top any bid from Ratners more readily than Ratners can beat Next.

There is hope, however. All Ratners really wants is the jewellery business, and Next may want to dispose of at least part of it, as it is unlikely to want to compete head-on with Ratners through Collingwoods and Weirs. Only Zales is sufficiently well managed to be attractive to Next, but even Zales, a traditional jeweller, is a long way from where Next would want to position it.

Even with CES, Ratners would have only 17 per cent to 18 per cent of British jewellery sales if mail order, department stores and other outlets are included, so the purchase is unlikely to interest the Office of Fair Trading.

But Ratners does not need a big acquisiton at this stage. It is still absorbing H Samuel where, at £268 per square foot, sales per square foot are only half those of the Ratners chain.



What it needs is more high street sites. There remains the multitude of independent jewellers, comprising 50 per cent of jewellery outlets, all potential fodder for Ratners' snapping jaws. With more than 80 new shops planned for next Christmas, the group will not be standing still.

Land Securities

The 16.2 per cent rise in Land Securities' net asset value to 488p a share is just the start of what could be a strong run in net worth, especially as confidence in property is growing and the group has plans over the next 12 months to add another 1 million sq ft to its City and West End portfolio.

On top of strong year-end results showing pretax profits up from £112.9 million to £120.6 million and a higher dividend, the shares put on 15p to 467p yesterday.

Whither now? The direction must be up, although with fits and starts. The shares might meet profit-taking but around the corner there could be overseas investment funds, especially Japanese money, coming into British property shares, so do not be shy of Land Securities for too long.

Net worth could well be looking at 600p a share in the not too distant future. Even on a conservative estimate of 15 per cent net asset growth, at least 560p lies ahead.

One cautious remark in yesterday's announcement concerns the borrowing strain and its impact on the interest charge.

The dividends, however, should still rise and the shares remain in the quality class.

Pickwick's paper

The Pickwick Group is doing much the same for listeners as *The Reader's Digest* has done for readers. The core business – the production, distribution and merchandising of low-price records and cassettes – accounts for more than 40 per cent of turnover and profits, and provides a stable base for newer ventures into children's book-and-cassette packages, pre-recorded videos and compact discs.

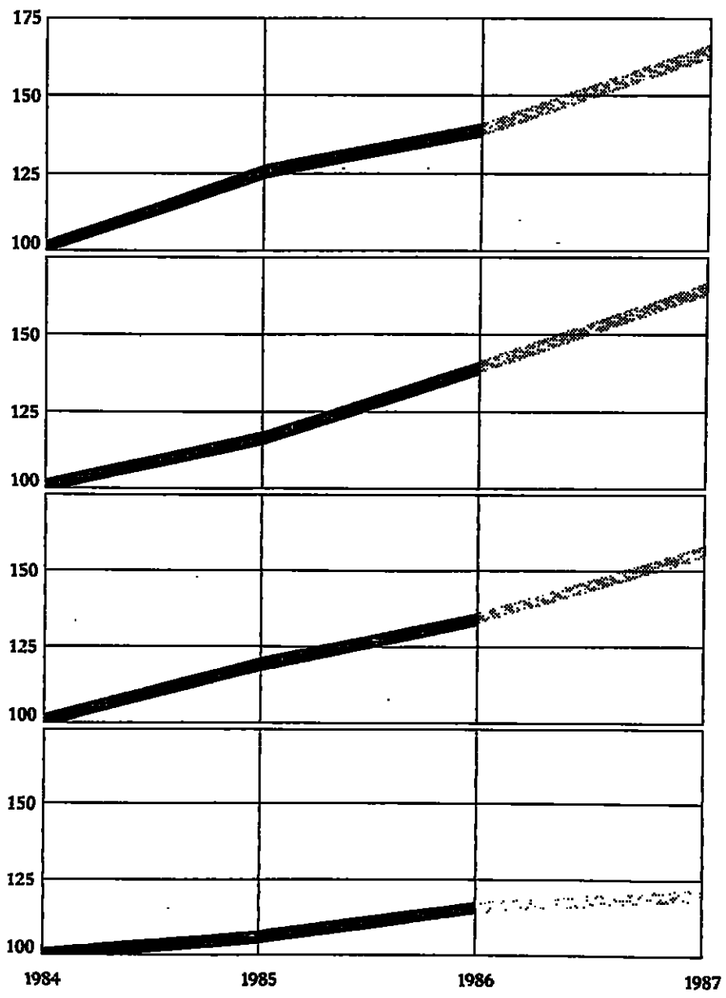
Strength comes from established relationships with large British multiple retailers and a broad distribution network. Woolworth accounts for nearly 30 per cent of turnover.

The home entertainment market is worth at least £100 million a year in Pickwick's areas and is growing at 20 per cent a year. Newer markets such as pre-recorded videos and compact discs, are especially fast growing.

Virtually all of the shares being offered for sale are being sold by Mr Monty Lewis, the founder of the company and now chairman, as institutional investors who became involved in June 1986 are retaining theirs – an encouraging vote of confidence.

Day-to-day management is overseen by the managing director, Mr Ivor Schlosberg. He identified Pickwick as ideal for developing the home entertainment market. On a prospective p/e ratio of 16 times on the forecast profits of £2.6 million – nearly six times the 1983 profit – the shares look as if they may go places.

The graphs show sales trends and forecasts of U.K. sales.



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ECONOMIC VIEW

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Monetary policy, the Governor of the Bank of England was at pains to emphasize yesterday, is alive and well. Although the Bank and Treasury may give every appearance of having abandoned monetary policy in favour of exchange rate policy, the external pressures on the exchange rate will not be allowed to dictate the level of interest rates, irrespective of internal inflationary pressures.

The message is reassuring, even if Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton went on to say in his Mais lecture at the City University that the Bank had only one instrument for influencing monetary conditions — short-term interest rates — which it cannot always determine and whose effects it cannot always predict.

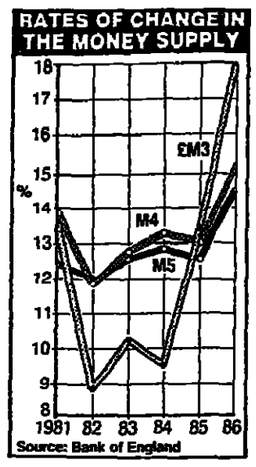
Yesterday, the pound shrugged off the effects of profit-taking on the announcement of the election and climbed back above DM2.99. If the competitive gains offered by the present exchange rate are to be preserved, the Bank may be forced to acquiesce to another interest rate cut before long.

Base rates at 11 per cent were too high with rates falling overseas, the British economy showing few of the expected problems of adjusting to a lower oil price, and a swing towards the Conservatives in the opinion polls. But the successive reductions bringing rates down to 9 per cent at present have been in the opposite direction to that indicated by the rapid growth in the wider measures of the money supply.

With every further step downwards the conflict between external and internal pressures on interest rate policy is likely to increase: a conflict that will in no sense be reduced by Britain becoming a full member of the European Monetary System.

As the Governor put it: "The major EMS countries. . .have domestic monetary objectives as well as their exchange rate targets, and they take both seriously enough to be presented with serious dilemmas from time to time." If the present policy of keeping the pound in a roughly stable relationship to the mark is a dress rehearsal for EMS membership, it is also a striking demonstration of the potential problems that membership might involve.

Intervention in the foreign exchange markets can help to smooth temporary divergences between external and internal influences. But by selling sterling, the Bank is liable to inflate the money supply, which it then has to neutralize by selling gilts. It cannot be a permanent solution to a sustained conflict between domestic and external objectives.



Meanwhile, life with the wayward mistress of broad money has to go on. As Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "The absence of a sterling M3 target emphatically does not mean that the behaviour of broad money and credit is regarded as of any less importance than before." Rather it means that without the target the Bank can feel happier about confessing its preferences in public for wider measures of money than £M3.

This new approach to the assessment of developments in broad money is to be formalized by renaming some of the aggregates, introducing a new one and redesigning the press notice, giving final details each month of the money supply to include the counterparts of the new measures.

As from next Wednesday's provisional monetary statistics, £M3 will become plain M3 while the former M3, which includes foreign currency assets, will be M3c. The present PSL2, which includes building society deposits together with money-market instruments, certificates of tax deposit and some national savings accounts as well as the components of £M3, will become M5. In between £M3 and M5 the Bank intends to track a new aggregate M4, which includes only building society deposits in addition to the cash and bank deposits in £M3.

An article in today's Bank of England *Quarterly Bulletin* sets out the recent behaviour of the broader M's which is reproduced in the chart. Cynics will not be too surprised to discover that the broader aggregates on which additional emphasis is to be placed have grown somewhat more slowly than £M3. The logic, however, is that as building societies have begun to act more and more like banks it makes sense to track the behaviour of deposits in both types of institutions rather than in one which may be affected by switches between the two.

Before 1980, when the banks were subject to a series of lending controls, building society lending grew faster than bank lending and M4 and M5 consequently exceeded the growth in £M3. More recently, £M3 has been growing faster partly as a result of the rapid expansion in mortgage lending by the banks.

If the money supply, including building society deposits, has grown more slowly than £M3, it has still been growing much faster than nominal income.

Another article in the *Quarterly Bulletin* tries to throw more light on the crucial question of whether or not the increase is potentially inflationary. The conclusions are not wholly reassuring. Financial liberalization since 1980 may have encouraged individuals to hold more of their savings in liquid form. To the extent that they remain savings rather than potential spending money, this may not be inflationary.

On the other hand, insofar as people have built up their financial assets in response to high real interest rates, the present fall in rates could encourage them to spend. This is especially so as those with the assets are generally not the same people as those with the liabilities. There is certainly nothing here to dissuade the Bank from continuing to take a cautious attitude to interest rate reductions.

COMMENT

City found not guilty of short-term view

The captains of British industry do not in general have a high regard for City investment managers. It is a recurring theme with journalists, politicians and anyone else who will listen that the men who run large institutional portfolios take a short-term view of sound companies doing sensible things and frequently leave them vulnerable to unwanted takeovers. The complaint is most often voiced by companies whose resources are preempted by a need for heavy research and development spending.

Like so many debates between the City and Industry, this one is bedevilled by a belief in both camps that each is acting for the best. Industrialists tend to identify the interests of the economy with those of their company, while investment men believe fiercely that their decisions allocate scarce resources to the most deserving quarters and divert them from poor management or low-growth industries. Little wonder that there is a chasm which divides the two camps.

Manfully, the Bank of England has stepped into this minefield in the hope of picking its way through to a better understanding. In an article prepared for Friday's *Quarterly Bulletin*, but released for prior publication, the Bank details some of the pressures upon fund managers which have increasingly concentrated their minds on portfolio performance in the past few years. It concludes that these pressures have increased markedly, especially on those who run unit trusts and investment trusts or who undertake the management of pension funds on behalf of companies or public bodies. These pressures are by no means self-generated. Some unit trust managers find that it takes a mere three months of poor relative performance before they can expect a drop in sales through independent intermediaries. Even in pensions management, a long-term business if ever one existed, managers are by no means judged by the broad sweep of returns over a number of years. Some trustees set unrealistic targets when they subcontract the job of pensions management to outside securities houses with scarcely a thought of the portfolio risk entailed in attempting to achieve them.

A consequence of this intensifying pressure is the significant increase in portfolio churning — more politely referred to as turnover by the Bank survey. Insurance and pension funds trade roughly a fifth of their British equity holdings each year, a high level bearing in mind the size, more than £120 billion, of these portfolios. Five years ago, the rate was barely half that. Not surprisingly, the highest levels of turnover occur in unit and investment trusts.

The Bank's findings do not, however, support the common view in industry that managers are taking an increasingly short-term view of the prospects for companies. For some of the management houses surveyed, the reverse was true although there is evidence that some were increasingly willing to deal on the basis of perceived market anomalies. The Bank found that a number of managers are these days scouring the less trampled corners of the market for shares undervalued in relation to the fundamental prospects of the company. Others are concentrating on developing closer links with management in the search for a winning team. This process should help share prices reflect fundamentals more rather than less, although whether industry will see it that way is debatable.

Gilt-edged generosity

No one could quarrel with the way the Bank of England's first gilt-edged auction went yesterday, even if the results failed to inspire much enthusiasm in the market. It was clearly a technical success. The market-makers rallied round — though they had little reason not to — and the issue was more than twice covered.

The only surprise was the wide spread of bids, and in particular why some market-makers felt it worth paying as much as £98.75, taking a yield of as little as 8.32 per cent. This seemed unnecessarily generous in relation to other gilt yields and the "when-issued" price of the new stock at the time, which was closer to £98.50.

One explanation may simply be unfamiliarity with the new system. Under the tender system, dealers are used to putting in high bids, knowing that they will actually only pay the lowest accepted bid. Under the auction system, however, you pay what you bid. Some players may also have pitched high because of the market's current nervousness, and their uncertainty over what competitors would be doing.

It is clear that the when-issued market did its job in sorting out the market value well in advance of the auction. Prices could have gone somewhat awry, distorted by this being the first-ever auction and by today's tap issue of 8 per cent 2002-06. But the when-issued market had fixed the correct yield almost in the middle of yesterday's bids.

Market-makers had hoped to interest overseas investors in the auction but appeared to have only very limited success — not enough, at least, to produce more exciting bids.

It is probably too soon to say if this will be the normal pattern of gilt auctions, but if it is, the system will look more like the US model than it first seemed on paper. It will also justify the Bank's move not to insist on a fully underwritten market.

£81m rights issue by Albert Fisher

By Michael Tate

The Albert Fisher Group, Mr Tony Millar's fast-expanding food distribution concern, is asking shareholders for £81.7 million to fund a new round of acquisitions.

It will raise the money through a one-for-three rights issue at 154p a share.

The new funds will be applied towards building an international food, service and distribution group. Mr Millar, Fisher's executive chairman, spoke yesterday of "considerable opportunities in the large volume, highly fragmented and yet strong growing markets in which the company operates".

Although there are no acquisitions in the pipeline, the group is expected to have something in the bag during the next three months. Fisher followers believe it will pounce in the US where the fresh-produce distribution business, which the group knows so well, is more developed.

Fisher, worth less than £1 million when Mr Millar took control five years ago, is capitalized at £270 million. Turnover and profits have shown substantial increases in each of the last five years.

To sweeten the rights issue news, Fisher is forecasting a final dividend of 1.2p a share on the increased capital which will double the total dividend for the year to 2.25p a share.

The company last month unveiled profits of £7.06 million for the six months to February 28, compared with £3.22 million last time. Fisher says it is too early to make a profit forecast for the full year although analysts are looking for almost £18 million against £8.36 million.

Weather slows CU surge

By Ray Heath

Severe weather in January slowed the pace of the strong quarter-on-quarter recovery achieved by Commercial Union Assurance last year.

In the three months to end-March, the former loss-making giant continued to sprint ahead with profits more than doubled to £28.2 million (£12.4 million), but this compared with £48 million made in the last quarter of 1986.

Profits in Britain showed a rise from £11.5 million to £19.3 million over the period. The prospect of the long-troubled US business finally moving into the black now appears good, after a slashing of losses in the three months from £7.1 million to £1.3 million.

CU's premium income from life business grew from £191.2 million to £270.4 million.

Vauxhall plans to import more cars

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Vauxhall is planning to increase car imports from the Continent, raising doubts that the company will reach its target of building 70 per cent of its models in Britain this year compared with 56 per cent last year.

Mr Peter Batchelor, Vauxhall's operations director, said the company was considering importing "several thousand cars".

Vauxhall has been reducing imports for the first four months of this year and reached its target of 70 per cent of its cars being built in Britain.

But strong demand for its cars, in particular for the Cavalier model, and lower-than-expected production from the Luton plant meant that the company's market share slid to 12.1 per cent in April.

Vauxhall is still aiming for at least 15 per cent of the British market this year which gives it a production target of more than 190,000 British-built cars compared with the 164,000 produced in 1986.

Absenteeism running as high as 13 per cent, cost the output of 200 cars in the first week of March and maintenance men brought the Luton factory to a halt for a day in April when they walked out about a regrading dispute.

This has undermined efforts to build up stocks for the August 1 sales boom by overtime working for eight hours a week until the summer.

Mr Batchelor said Luton was forecast to build 100,000 Cavaliers this year compared with the 88,000 of the model which were produced in 1986.

IoD says Tory policies are best

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

The Institute of Directors, the business lobby group supporting lower public spending, reduced taxation and free market forces, yesterday surprised no one by backing the Conservative Party's policies in preference to those of the other political parties.

"Too many of the policies of the Labour and SDP-Liberal Alliance echo those pursued in the 1970s — which failed then and are likely to fail again — to provide the right climate for business to flourish," said the IoD.

Mrs Judith Chaplin, head of the IoD policy unit, said: "We think a change of direction would be disastrous."

The IoD, whose manifesto calls for a further £25 billion of privatization by 1990, a cut in the basic rate of tax to 19 per cent, and further anti-trade union legislation, said the present Government had been most successful where it had been most radical.

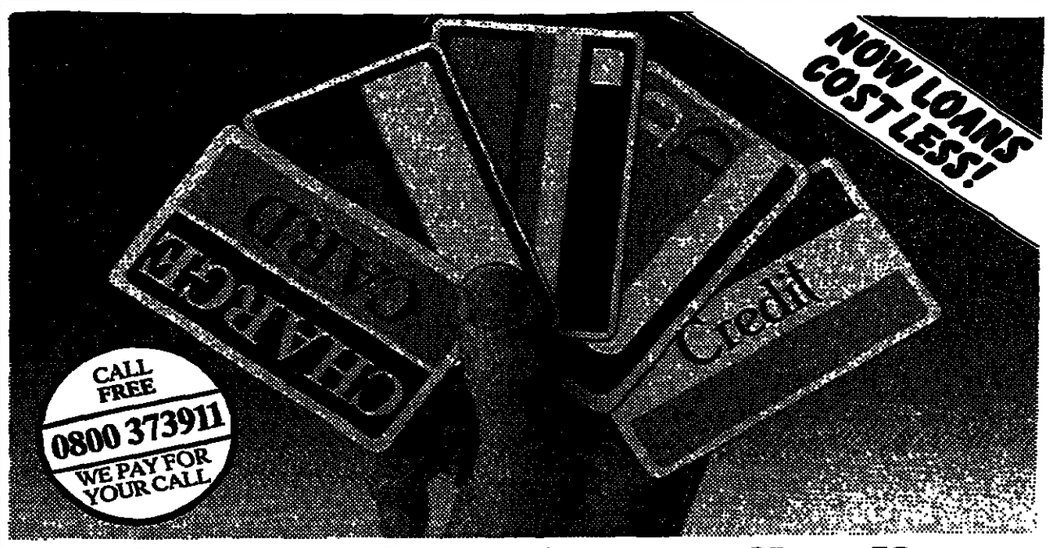
"Where it has not succeeded, and where none of the main political parties appears to have a long-term strategy, is in solving the problem of the welfare state: education, health and social security." In these areas the IoD wants more privatization, claiming this will lead to better services.

The IoD has also urged further cuts in public spending.

The IoD proposes further industrial relations legislation, including the introduction of compulsory binding arbitration as the final stage in essential services disputes.

Labour and the Alliance are criticized for intending to increase public spending to lower unemployment, while Labour is attacked for its plans to renationalize and repeal trade union laws, its policy of "managed trade," and its opposition to tax cuts.

"Looking at the policies proposed by the different parties, those of the Conservative Party appear most likely to build on what has been achieved," the IoD said.



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Ring role for City slugger

Terry Ramsden, the long-haired City whizz-kid who hopes to use the fortune he made on the Japanese warrant market as a springboard to become Britain's first self-made billionaire, is set to expand his range of sporting interests. He already owns a string of some 200 racehorses and last year bought Walsall football club. Now he has applied to become a professional boxing promoter. Any day now he is due to be interviewed by the British Boxing Board of Control, the sport's governing body, and hopes to establish himself alongside the likes of Micky Duff and Frank Warren. He has already been recommended by the board's southern area committee following an interview last Wednesday. If approved by the main body he will have to supply a bond of more than £25,000. He has already listed three venues for proposed fights, including the Ilford Palais and Lewisham Town Hall, in south London, and claims to have attracted the support of television companies.

Risk factor

It was almost inevitable that the last round of Scottish questions in the outgoing Parliament would be about the Guinness affair. But what emerged from yesterday's session was more a hymn to Scottish brilliance than an attack on Guinness's unkept pledges about relocating north of the border. In response to remarks by fellow Tory Sir Alex Fletcher (adviser to Jimmy Gulliver's Argyll Group, no less) about a "marked lack of genius" at Guinness, Ian Lang, Under Secretary for the Scottish Office, responded smartly: "I hope the genius on the board has increased now that the chairman and two leading executives are Scots." Stirred by all this another Tory, Allan Stewart, rose to claim that all Scotland was full of admiration for the new Guinness chairman Sir Norman Macfarlane. A little too smug, perhaps?



"Pompous devil – just because he's bought the first Anglo-French Eurotunnel family railcard"

Go for broke

Colourful City character Philip Kapadia, a stockbroker who is never afraid to put his head on the block when it comes to predicting movements in oil prices, currencies or stock market indices – and who has usually been proved uncannily right – has been poached by Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Philip, aged 53, left Raphael Zorn last week after nine years.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Wine buff, face red

Gone are the days when TV-am had to watch the pennies. Wooing an important client recently at a Knightsbridge hotel, managing director Bruce Gyngell and sales director Tony Vickers decided to indulge their guest's pretensions to being a wine buff by letting him choose the wine. After 10 minutes of deliberation, the guest settled upon the 1966 Chateau Latour at £180. Gulping down his astonishment but consoled by the hope that a multi-million pound deal was at hand, Bruce bravely called over the waiter to place the order as Vickers looked on sheepishly. "The 1966 Latour," stammered Bruce. "Ah, Mr Vickers' usual," responded the waiter – jokingly, I'm sure.

Jelly wins the league

Irene Stein swears by Royal Jelly. It has certainly done her no harm judging by the successful flotation of her company Regina Health & Beauty Products on the USM earlier this year. Floated at 20p two months ago the shares now stand at 43p each. Yesterday she was in town at the Cafe Royal along with co-median Bernie Winters and his dog Schnorbitz to promote a new version of the product – Animal Magic, designed specifically for animals and household pets. She came armed with a number of stories about the beneficial qualities of the human version of the jelly. Back in February, Everton manager Howard Kendall started dishing it out to his players hoping it would enable the team to beat local rivals Liverpool. It seems to have worked. Everton won their next 11 games on the trot and last weekend became Football League champions.

Selling space

Memo to Britain's big four bank chiefs: in the face of fierce opposition from its customers to plans to introduce banking charges, a French banking group, the Société Lyonnaise de Banque, has instead decided to sell advertising space in its cheque books. Each book of 25 cheques will now contain half a dozen or so additional slips advertising French perfume and other luxury goods. If it keeps down bank charges . . .

Carol Leonard

Land Securities

Abridged Summary of Results for the Year ended 31st March, 1987

	31.3.87 £'m	31.3.86 £'m	Increase %
Total income	204.1	171.5	19.0
Net rents and interest receivable	164.0	134.0	22.4
Interest payable	43.4	21.1	105.7
Income on ordinary activities before taxation	120.6	112.9	6.8
Taxation	31.1	33.4	(6.9)
Income available for distribution	89.5	79.5	12.6
Dividends per share paid (3.25p) and proposed (7.75p)	11.0p	9.8p	12.2
Earnings per share	17.78p	15.79p	12.6
Dividend cover – times	1.62	1.61	
Net assets per share	488p	420p	16.2

The Knight Frank & Rutley valuation of the portfolio as at March, 1987, totalled £3,009.8m, an increase of £466.5m over that at the previous year end. Taking into account expenditure on properties, £179.2m, and the book value of properties sold, £25.8m, during the period, the surplus on revaluation was £313.1m, an increase of 11.6% (1986: 3.3%).

Incorporating the valuation in the Accounts at March, 1987, and without adjusting for taxation payable in the event of properties being sold the consolidated net assets of the Group at that date amounted to £2,456.4m, on which basis the net assets per share were 488p.

It is proposed to start developments, within the next 12 months or so, to provide a further 1m sq.ft. net of air conditioned offices in the City, West End and Victoria and over 650,000 sq.ft. of new space in covered shopping centres. Construction of over 800,000 sq. ft. of retail warehouse space has started, or is due to start later in the year.

In addition to £200m of long-term borrowings raised in the year to March, 1987, a further £300m loan capital has been issued since the year end. When fully paid, the aggregate loan capital outstanding will be £837.3m of which £251.6m is unsecured.

The further expansion of the Group's development programme, much of which is due to commence in the near future, is an expression of the Board's confidence in the property market and the Board is satisfied that the developments to be undertaken will provide both good capital growth and when completed an appreciable and increasing contribution to the income of the Group.

The long-term borrowings raised to finance the development programme will increase significantly the interest payable by the Group. Nevertheless, it is the intention of the Board in the absence of any unforeseen circumstances to continue to increase the annual dividend, although the cover for the distribution will be affected by the amount of resources tied up in the development programme from year to year.

The Report of the Directors and the Accounts containing an unqualified Report of the Auditors, a detailed portfolio review, illustrations and photographs with additional information including a list of major properties, are due to be distributed on 1st June, 1987. Non-shareholders who would like a copy are requested to write to The Secretary,

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APPOINTMENTS

New chief at Scottish Widows'

Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society: Mr Colin Black has been elected chairman, succeeding Lord Arbuthnott who becomes deputy chairman.

The Wholesale Fittings: Mr KA Polston becomes joint managing director. Mr SM Rose and Mr RS Rose join the board.

Stephenson Harwood: Mr Anthony Isaacs is appointed senior partner in succession to Mr Richard Eddis who remains a partner. Mr Michael Wood, Mr Nicholas Phillips and Mr Trefor John join the partnership.

Herbert Oppenheimer, Nathan & Vandyk: Mr William Pybus becomes senior partner.

Weatherall Green & Smith: Mr John Bloor, Mr David Bond, Mr Martin Heaton, Mr Martin Clews, Mr Leslie Knowles and Mr Peter MacFarlane join the partnership. Mr John Claxon, Mr Roderick Grosstephan, Mr FM Hargreaves, Mr Gilbert Knight, Mr Peter Stone and Mr John Witts become associate partners.

Schwarzkopf: Mr HJ Hann becomes chairman.

Boase Massimi moves into US for $31.8m

Boase Massimi Pollitt, Britain's ninth-largest advertising agency, has secured a foothold in the $100 billion-a-year US advertising market by buying Ammirati and Puris, a New York agency with BMW as its main client and billings last year of $140 million (£84 million).

BMP is paying an initial $31.8 million for Ammirati, with up to five additional payments depending on Ammirati's profits over the next four years.

Of the initial payment, $6.3 million will be satisfied by issuing just over a million new ordinary shares to Ammirati's three largest shareholders. The balance, payable in cash, will be financed by the issue of another 4.95 million ordinary shares, which BMP's shareholders can buy at 340p each.

COMPANY NEWS

● CSR: The company has decided to revise the terms of the offer for Pioneer Sugar Mills from Aus$2.20 (94p) to Aus$2.50 cash for each Pioneer share, with a share alternative of one CSR ordinary, plus Aus$1.20 cash, for every two Pioneer shares.

● CATALYST COMMUNICATIONS: The company is reporting for the 15 months to December 31 compared with the preceding 15 months. No dividend, but dividend policy remains under review. With figures in £000: Turnover 5,084 (3,462). Pretax profit 439 (143). Earnings per share 3.7p (1.3p).

● COLINE INTERNATIONAL: The extraordinary meeting due to be held on May 29 will now be held on June 1.

● FITZWILTON: Half-year to December 31. Interim dividend 1p (same). The board expects to recommend a final of at least 1p (1p last time). With figures in Ir£000: Pretax profit 179 (£159,800), against a 732 loss. Earnings per share 0.51p (3.87p loss). Fitzwilton has committed $2 million (£1.2 million) to participation in an enterprise making tableware. These products are made by Lido Corporation, a Philippines based company, in which Fitzwilton has purchased a 67.5 per cent stake and are distributed in the US by WC Imports of Los Angeles, in which a holding of 75 per cent has been bought.

● HAZLEWOOD FOODS: An offshoot, Hazlewood Europe, has subscribed Fl14 million (£4.18 million) for new shares, equivalent to 50 per cent of Fri D'Or and has an option to buy the remainder. Fri D'Or's products will complement the frozen food range already produced and marketed by Hazlewood's subsidiary, Olaf Foods.

● UTC TRADING CORPORATION: Results for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 3,543 (946). Pretax profit 471 (336). Earnings per share, basic, 1.83p (1.43p) and fully diluted, 1.52p (1.31p).

● RBC INTERNATIONAL INCOME FUND: Dividend of 38 cents a share for the half-year to June 5, payable on July 7.

● WA TYZACK: Six months to March 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 4,515 (4,394). Pretax profit 152 (162). Earnings per share 1.62p (2.01p). Interim dividend 0.85p (0.6p). The board intends to recommend a final of not less than 1.4p making 2.25p (2p) for the year. It proposes to raise about £2.3 million, after expenses, by an underwritten rights issue of 2.35 million new ordinary shares on a one-for-three basis at 105p each.

● ROBERT H LOWE: The company has agreed to acquire DH Leonard for an initial consideration of £220,000, to be satisfied by the issue of 141,935 new ordinary shares. Leonard manufactures and distributes sports and leisurewear. Two further payments, to be satisfied by shares, may be payable.

● SOUZA CRUZ: (75 per cent-owned subsidiary of BAT Industries): Quarter to March. Net profit 361.4 million cruzados (£8.5 million). After allowing for inflation, profit is 156 per cent higher than the equivalent period of 1986, according to internal management information. However this growth is not sufficient to restore the profit to its level of the first quarter of 1985.

● JANTAR: Pretax loss for 1986 £69,704 (£87,951 profit). Loss per share 2.01p (0.21p).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 6
Week fixed: 8¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 8 11/16	2 mnth 8¾
3 mnth 8¾	3 mnth 8 13/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 8 13/16–8 15/16 2 mnth 8 13/16–8 15/16
3 mnth 8 13/16–8¾ 6 mnth 8 13/16–8 15/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9 1/16 2 mnth 9⅜
3 mnth 9¼ 6 mnth 9

Interbank (%)
Overnight, open 8¾ close 6
1 week 8 11/16–8 13/16 6 mnth 8 13/16–8 15/16
1 mnth 8¾–8 13/16 9 mnth 8¾–8 13/16
3 mnth 8 13/16–8 13/16 12 mnth 8 13/16–8 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 8½ 7 days 8½
1 mnth 8¼ 3 mnth 8 13/16
6 mnth 8½ 12 mnth 8¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 9¼–9 2 mnth 9–8¾
3 mnth 8 13/16–8 11/16 6 mnth 8¾–8½
9 mnth 8 11/16–8 11/16 12 mnth 8 11/16–8 5/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 8 11/16–8 13/16 3 mnth 8 11/16–8 13/16
6 mnth 8 11/16–8 13/16 12 mnth 8 11/16–8 13/16

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.95-6.90 3 mnth 7.10-7.05
6 mnth 7.40-7.35 12 mnth 7.85-7.80

BULLION

Gold:$451.00-451.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 464.00-467.00 (£278.00-280.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 108.00-109.00 (£64.50-65.25)
Platinum
$ 614.50 (£368.40)
Silver
$ 8.7500-8.8000 (£5.2400-5.2700)

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call 7-6
7 days	6¾–6 15/16	1 mnth 6 13/16–6¾
3 mnth	7 1/16–7 1/16	6 mnth 7 1/16–7 3/16
Deutschmark		call 4-3
7 days	3¾–3½	1 mnth 3 11/16–3 9/16
3 mnth	3 11/16–3 9/16	6 mnth 3¾–3⅝
French Franc		call 8-7
7 days	8½–8	1 mnth 8 5/16–8 1/16
3 mnth	8½–8¼	6 mnth 8 7/16–8 5/16
Swiss Franc		call 1⅝–½
7 days	2-1⅞	1 mnth 3 9/16–3 7/16
3 mnth	3⅛–3¼	6 mnth 3 11/16–3 13/16

Yen		call 4½–3¾
7 days	3 9/16–3 7/16	1 mnth 3 5/16–3 3/16
3 mnth	3¾–3⅝	6 mnth 3⅜–3¼

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day April 30, 1987. Agreed rates for period May 26, 1987 to June 23, 1987 Scheme I: 11.29 per cent.

Schemes II & III: 11.11 per cent. Reference rate for period April 1, 1987 to April 30, 1987 Scheme IV: 9.843 per cent.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons (*436)	360	78	90	98	1	5	8
	390	52	67	78	4	9	13
	420	30	43	52	12	17	20
British Gas (*111)	80	33	35½	—	½	1	—
	90	23	28	33	1	2	4
	100	15	20½	25½	2½	5	7
British Airways (*175)	130	46	47	—	1	2	—
	140	36	38	49	1½	3	5
	160	21	28	35	6	9	13
BP (*342)	317	40	50	—	7	14	—
	330	30	41	51	14	21	24
	360	16	26	37	31	36	41
Bristol (*278)	220	64	70	77	2	4	8
	240	46	54	63	7	11	16
	260	33	42	51	13	18	22
Cons Gold (*981)	950	84	112	132	40	60	77
	1000	60	90	105	72	85	105
	1050	40	65	—	104	112	—
Courtaulds (*435)	360	78	89	—	2	5	—
	390	55	71	76	7	12	15
	420	32½	49	57	14	24	28
	460	12	27	35	32	37	42
Com Union (*331)	300	41	51	60	5	7	10
	330	17	33	44	12	17	19
	360	8	18	—	33	36	—
Cable & Wire (*396)	300	103	—	—	2	—	—
	330	75	83	97	3	7	13
	360	52	62	77	9	16	25
	390	28	44	55	20	30	35
GEC (*229)	200	33	40	48	2	8	10
	220	20	25	35	10	14	16
	240	11	16	23	20	24	26
Grand Met (*520)	420	110	118	130	1	3	5
	460	70	83	97	4	9	15
	500	40	52	67	13	20	25
	550	13	30	—	37	43	—
ICI (*1417)	1350	115	148	187	25	48	60
	1400	80	123	155	43	70	78
	1450	57	92	130	67	93	100
	1500	37	73	—	97	120	—
Land Securities (*467)	390	78	87	96	2	6	10
	420	48	60	70	5	12	17
	460	18	34	44	16	25	35
Marks & Spen (*251)	200	54	60	68	1	2	4
	220	34	42	51	3	6	9
	240	20	31	37	8	12	17
Shell Trans (*1298)	1150	175	198	—	7	15	—
	1200	133	158	183	15	25	33
	1250	100	133	160	28	35	48
Trafalgar House (*374)	300	79	86	96	2	5	7
	330	49	56	70	4	10	15
	360	28	37	48	12	19	25
TSB (*94)	70	25	27½	—	1	1⅛	—
	80	16	19	23	1½	2½	3½
	90	8	13	17	4	6	7½
Woolworth (*856)	750	125	150	165	4	20	25
	800	75	100	135	20	35	40
	850	46	70	105	40	55	65

	Series	Jun Calls	Oct Calls	Jan Calls	Jun Puts	Oct Puts	Jan Puts
Bass (*968)	900	83	105	135	8	30	45
	950	45	75	98	20	50	63
	1000	25	55	70	50	78	90
GKN (*327)	280	49	58	—	2	6	—
	300	33	42	50	5	11	14
	330	15	26	33	15	23	28
	360	4	14	21	38	44	48
Jaguar (*562)	550	33	50	73	18	30	40
	600	10	32	50	52	56	70
	650	1	20	—	90	95	—

	Series	Jun Calls	Sep Calls	Dec Calls	Jun Puts	Sep Puts	Dec Puts
Amstrad (*208)	180	35	42	49	4	7	10
	200	19	28	36	10	15	17
	220	9	19	26	19	24	26
Beecham (*517)	450	65	78	85	4	14	15
	500	35	50	62	17	27	33
	550	12	30	40	43	55	60
	600	3	15	24	90	92	95
Boots (*301)	280	26	36	47	8	12	16
	300	12	23	36	15	20	24
	330	4	14	—	35	39	—
BTR (*328)	300	37	46	50	3	9	12
	330	14	26	37	14	20	24
	360	5	15	23	35	40	43
Blue Circle (*905)	700	215	226	247	1	2	4
	750	165	178	197	1	4	12
	800	115	128	155	2	10	18
De Beers (*1238)	1100	205	240	265	25	50	70
	1200	140	180	210	40	80	110
	1300	85	130	165	85	125	155
	1400	30	90	130	150	185	210
Dixons (*413)	351	64	76	—	1½	5	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Dixons contd	360	—	—	84	—	—	11
	381	38	52	—	7	12	—
Glaxo (*1540)	1400	175	225	255	15	35	52
	1450	140	195	225	22	50	68
	1500	105	155	195	38	67	85
	1550	72	135	165	60	88	110
Hanson (*164)	135	30½	34½	—	1	2	—
	150	17	22½	—	2	5½	—
	165	7	13½	—	7½	10½	—
	180	2	7½	12	18	20	21
Sears (*157)	130	27	29	33	½	2	4½
	140	17	23	26½	1	6	8
	160	5	11	15½	10	15	18
Tesco (*536)	420	120	130	—	1	2	—
	460	80	92	105	2	5	8
	500	45	58	75	7	15	20
Thorn EMI (*687)	550	145	150	—	2	4	—
	600	95	102	125	3	10	15
	650	57	67	90	15	25	34
	700	27	42	60	38	48	57
THF (*249)	220	33	41	49	1	4	7
	240	17	28	36	5	10	13
	260	7½	15	20	16	19	21

	Series	May Calls	Aug Calls	Nov Calls	May Puts	Aug Puts	Nov Puts
Brit Aero (*638)	600	42	78	95	4	18	30
	650	11	45	65	25	38	50
	700	1½	27	42	65	75	75
BAT Inds (*544)	420	125	135	—	1	2	—
	460	85	98	110	1	4	9
	500	45	65	80	2	12	18
	550	9	35	50	18	28	37
Brit Telecom (*307)	280	28	37	47	1	7	14
	300	12	25	35	5	18	23
	330	2	13	21	24	32	35
Cadbury Schwpps (*254)	240	15	28	40	1½	8	13
	260	3	17	29	9	17	23
	280	½	10	—	28	33	—
Guinness (*335)	300	38	53	63	2	8	12
	330	10	29	45	4	15	20
	360	1	16	—	25	32	—
Ladbroke (*409)	373	38	55	—	2	7	—
	403	13	35	47	7	22	25
	443	2	17	25	40	43	47
LASMO (*284)	260	26	38	53	4	13	18
	280	13	30	38	8	19	25
	300	5	21	24	19	31	35
Plessey (*236)	220	17	29	34	2	7	11
	240	4	18	23	10	17	22
	260	¾	11	16	28	29	34
P & O (*547)	550	98	110	127	½	5	8
	600	48	67	85	2	13	20
	650	10	35	50	18	32	40
Racal (*250)	220	31	38	45	1	5	10
	240	12	25	32	2	13	16
	260	2½	15	21	13	20	24
RTZ (*1033)	900	137	150	167	3	10	25
	950	87	110	124	3	17	32
	1000	37	82	107	6	35	50
	1050	10	60	80	25	55	74
Vaal Reef (*132)	130	4	13½	17½	4½	10	14
	140	1½	9½	13¼	12	16	19
	150	1	6½	10½	20½	23½	25½

	Series	May Calls	Aug Calls	Dec Calls	May Puts	Aug Puts	Dec Puts
Barclays (*543)	500	44	63	73	2	9	14
	550	6	33	48	17	30	37
	600	1	11	20	62	70	72
Midland Bank (*683)	600	85	107	122	2	7	15
	650	40	67	87	6	15	25
	700	7	40	60	23	42	48

	Series	Jun Calls	Sep Calls	Dec Calls	Jun Puts	Sep Puts	Dec Puts
Lonrho (*289)	200	92	94	—	1	1½	—
	218	74	77	—	1½	2½	—
	236	56	60	65	2	5	5
	255	36	45	50	2½	7	9
	273	21	30	39	6	11	15

	Series	May Calls	Aug Calls	Nov Calls	May Puts	Aug Puts	Nov Puts
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£110)	106	4	4	4 1/16	1/16	¼	9/16
	108	2	2 7/16	2 7/16	1/16	⅜	1
	110	½	1 5/32	1 7/16	1 11/16	1¾	2 1/16
	112	5/32	⅜	1 7/16	2 1/16	2⅞	3 1/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£125)	118	7	7⅛	8 1/16	1/16	⅛	1 9/16
	120	5	6 1/16	7	1/16	1 5/16	2 1/16
	122	3⅛	5 1/16	5 15/16	3/16	3 1/16	3
	124	1⅝	4 1/16	4⅝	15/32	2⅜	3⅝
	126	7/32	3	3 61/64	1⅝	3½	5

		May Calls	Jun Calls	Jul Calls	Aug Calls	May Puts	Jun Puts	Jul Puts	Aug Puts
FT-SE Index (*2162)	1850	320	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1900	270	290	302	—	1	4	7	—
	1950	220	242	260	—	1	8	15	—
	2000	170	198	215	230	2	16	33	35
	2050	122	157	177	190	6	22	33	45
	2100	80	118	145	160	17	38	75	83
	2150	50	90	112	138	35	57	75	83
	2200	27	60	85	110	62	80	100	107

May 13, 87. Total contracts 66257. Calls 45551. Puts 20706.
FT-SE Index. Calls 817. Puts 939
*Underlying security price.

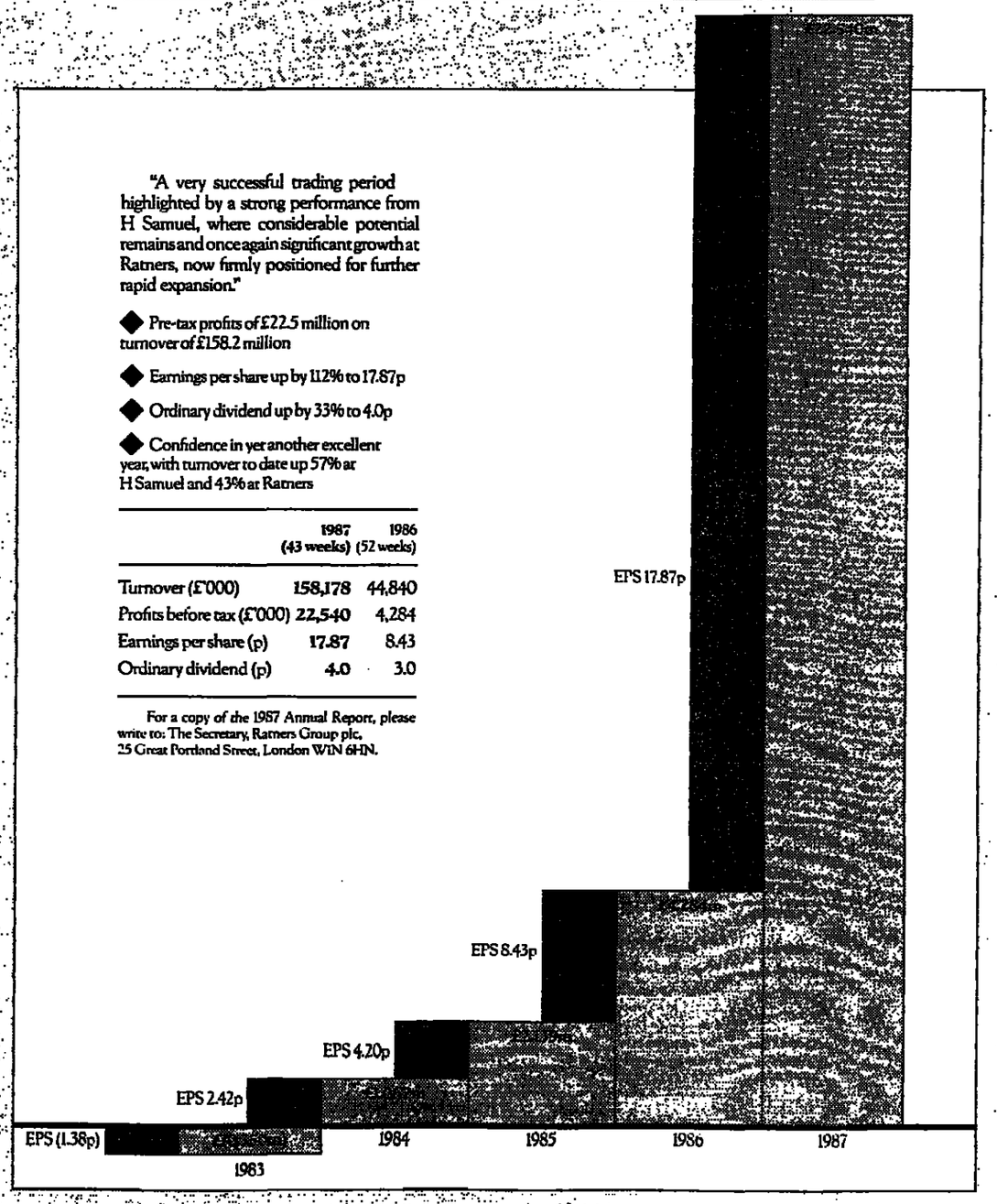
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WALL STREET

Slight gain for Dow

New York (Reuter) — Forest product companies rebounded from losses accrued on Tuesday and the stock market edged ahead in moderate early trading. Airlines climbed, with the exception of Allegis, which on Tuesday announced an agreement that could give Boeing a 16 per cent stake in the air carrier.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed up 15.30 at 2322.60, rose 10.83 points before falling back to 2323.61. Advances led declines by five to four on a volume of 20 million shares.

	May 12	May 11		May 12	May 11		May 12	May 11
AMR Cp	56½	64⅛	Firestone	37½	37⅛	Pepsico	32⅝	31¾
ASA	64⅝	64	Fst Chicago	29⅝	29⅛	Pfizer	67⅝	67
Astra Life	57⅞	58⅛	Fst Int Bncp	56	55⅞	Phelps Dod	38⅛	37⅝
Allied Signal	43	43⅛	Fst Penn C	10⅜	10⅛	Philip Mor	82½	81
Allis Chalm	3⅛	3⅛	FT Wachva	41⅜	41⅜	*Philip Pet*	*15⅛*	16⅛
Alcoa	51½	50⅜	Ford Motor	96⅛	97⅛	Polaroid	76⅛	75⅛
Amax Inc	23⅛	23⅛	GAF Cp	47⅛	48⅛	Primerica	n.a	38
AMR Hess	36⅝	36⅛	GTE Cp	37⅛	38⅛	Procr Gble	92⅛	92⅛
Am Brands	43½	44⅛	Gen Cp	103⅛	103⅛	*Pub Svg Eg*	37⅞	37
Am Cynmd	*89⅜*	90	Gn Dynam	64⅞	64⅞	Raytheon	72⅛	71
Am Ele Pwr	27	27⅛	Gen Elect	103½	102⅛	Rynlds Met	73	73⅛
Amex	33⅛	n.a	Gen Inst	35⅛	34⅛	Rockwell Int	29⅛	29⅛
Am Home	84⅛	84⅜	*Gen Mills*	46	46	Royal Dutch	127½	126⅛
Am Motors	4⅜	4½	Gen Motors	90	89⅝	SFE Sopac	45	45⅜
Am Stand	42⅞	42½	Gen Pub Ut	23⅝	24	Sara Lee	40⅝	40⅜
Am Telph	25⅝	25⅛	Genesco	5⅛	5⅛	Schlumb	45⅜	44⅜
Amoco Cp	87⅛	86⅛	Georgia Pac	41⅛	41⅛	Scott Pap	69⅛	69¼
Armco Steel	12⅜	12⅛	Gillette	57⅛	57⅛	Seagram	74⅛	74⅜
Asarco Inc	26⅞	27⅛	Goodrich	52	50⅛	Sears Roeb	53⅜	53⅛
Ashland Oil	62⅛	62⅜	Goodyear	65¼	65⅛	Shell Trans	86⅛	85⅞
Atl Richfld	*91⅞*	92⅛	Gould Inc	17⅜	17⅛	Singer	43⅜	43⅛
Avon Prod	31¾	32	Grace Co	66⅛	66⅛	Smithkln Bk	112	109⅝
Bk Boston	33⅜	32⅛	Gn Atl Pac	35⅛	34⅜	Sony Cp	19⅝	20⅛
Bank NY	41⅞	41⅞	*Greyhnd*	38	38	Stn Cal Edi	30½	29⅝
Bankamer	11⅜	11⅜	Gruman	25⅝	25½	SW Bell	109⅛	108⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	46⅞	47	Gulf & West	75⅝	75	Std Oil	74⅛	73⅝
Beth Steel	14⅛	15	Heinz	44⅞	43⅜	Stard Drug	52⅝	51⅛
Boeing	45⅛	45½	Hercules	61⅛	61⅜	Stevens JP	43¾	44⅛
Boise Casc	68½	69⅛	Hewlett Pk	61½	59⅜	Sun Comp	67⅛	66⅜
Borden	55⅛	55⅜	Honeywell	79	78⅛	TRW Inc	101⅜	100⅛
Borg Wamr	46⅞	46⅜	IC Ind	33⅛	33½	Teledyne	325	321¼
Brist Myer	98⅜	96⅞	ITT Cp	54⅛	53	Tenneco	47⅜	45⅝
BP	68¼	68	INCO	18⅝	19⅜	Texaco	37	38
Brunswick	46¼	45⅜	Ingersoll	85⅞	85½	Tex Eastn	36⅛	36⅛
Burl Ind	65	64½	*Inland Steel*	31⅞	33⅛	Tex Inst	186½	186⅛
Burl Nth	73⅞	75	IBM	165⅛	163	Tex Util	32⅜	32⅛
CBS	165⅛	168	Int Paper	91⅝	91⅛	Textron	60½	61
CPC Int	43⅝	43	Irving Bk	45	45	Travelers	45⅛	44⅞
CSX Cp	34	33⅝	*Jhsn & Jhsn*	86⅛	85⅞	USG	37⅛	37⅛
Cmpbell Sp	65¼	65⅝	K Mart Cp	60⅞	60½	USX Cp	32¼	32½
Can Pacific	18½	18⅛	Kaisertech	18⅛	18¼	Unilev Nv	294⅜	294½
Caterpillar	56⅜	56⅞	Kerr McGee	37	36	*Un Carbide*	30⅝	30⅜
Cemtl SW	31	31⅜	Kmbl Clark	106⅜	108½	Un Pac Cp	75½	74½
Champion	35	35⅛	Kraft	53	54½	Unisys Cp	116⅛	117⅛
Chase Man	37⅝	37⅞	Kroger	33⅛	32⅛	Utd Brands	37⅜	38
Chem NY	43⅛	44⅜	LTV Cp	5½	5	*Utd Tech*	48⅛	47½
Chevron	58⅞	59	Litton	95⅝	91¼	Unocal	41	42⅜
Chrysler	40¾	40⅝	Lockheed	45⅞	45⅝	Walter Jim	49⅜	49½
Citicorp	54⅛	54⅜	Lucky Str	29⅛	30	Warn Lamb	69	68½
Clark Eq	27½	26½	Man H'nwr	43⅝	43⅝	Wells Far	50⅛	50⅞
Coca Cola	40⅝	41⅛	Manvlle	3⅛	2⅝	Westg El	61⅛	61⅛
Colgate	42⅞	43⅛	Mapco	62	62	Weyerhsr	50⅝	51½
Columb Gas	51⅛	49⅜	Marine Mid	49⅛	50	Whirlpool	37⅝	37⅜
Cmb'tn Eng	36⅝	35⅝	Mt Marietta	45⅛	44⅜	Woolworth	47⅞	47⅛
Cmwlth Edi	34½	34⅜	Masco	34⅛	34	Xerox Cp	79⅛	80
Cons Edis	42⅜	42⅛	Mcdonalds	80⅛	80⅜	Zenith	27⅜	25⅝
Cn Nat Gas	42	41⅞	*McDonnell*	67⅛	68⅝			
Cons Pwr	19⅛	19⅜	Mead Cp	68½	69⅛			
Cont Data	33⅛	33⅛	Merck	153⅜	151⅛			
Corning Gl	61⅞	62⅛	Minsta Mng	129	126			
Crane	40½	40⅝	Mobil	50⅝	50⅛			
Curtiss Wrt	61½	60⅜	Monsanto	86⅞	87⅛			
Data Genl	32⅛	31⅛	Morgan Jp	44⅜	43⅝			
Deere Co	32	31⅝	*Motorola*	*61⅝*	*63⅛*			
Delta Air	51	49⅝	NCR	73½	74⅛			
Detroit Edi	18⅜	17	NL Indstrs	7	7⅜			
Digital Eq	164¾	167	Nat Distil	64⅛	65			
Disney	65½	64⅝	*Nat Md Ent*	25½	25			
Dow Chem	86⅛	85⅛	Nat Semi	15⅜	14⅛			
Dressr Ind	31⅛	30⅝	Norfolk Sth	31½	31⅛			
Dupont	118⅝	118	NW Bancrp	38⅛	38½			
Duke Pwr	44⅞	44⅛	Occo Ptrl	36	36⅛			
East Kodak	80½	79	Ogden Cp	69½	68⅜			
Eaton Cp	88⅜	92	Olin Cp	50	50⅝			
Emerson El	*104⅜*	*104½*	*PPG Ind*	42⅛	42⅝			
Emery Air	14⅛	13⅜	Pac Gas El	21⅛	20⅜			
Exxon	90	88⅛	Pan Am	4⅝	4⅜			
Farah Inc	14⅞	14⅞	Penney JC	48⅛	48⅝			
Fed Dpt Sts	n.a	90⅝	Pennzoil	84⅞	86⅛			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	39⅛	39⅝
Algm Alum	41⅛	40⅜
Algoma Stl	*16⅜*	16
Can Pacific	24¾	24⅛
Comnco	18⅛	18⅝
Con Bathrst	18⅛	18⅝
Hawk S Can	*27*	*27*
Hud Bay M	26	26⅛
Imasco	34½	34⅝
Imperial Oil	73¼	72¼
Int Pipe	48⅝	48⅛
Royl Trstco	34⅝	34⅝
Seagram	99⅞	99½
Shalco 'A'	*24½*	25⅜
Thmsn N 'A'	32	32
Vanty Cp	3.25	3.30
WCT	17⅜	17½
Weston	40¼	*40¼*

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 13	Market rates close May 13	1 month	3 months
N York	1 6650-1 6700	1 6690-1 6700	0.28-0.25prem	0 69-0.64prem
Montreal	2 2261-2 2370	2.2340-2.2370	0 25-0 15prem	0 45-0.32prem
Ams dam	3 3658-3.3759	3.3691-3 3736	1⅛-¼prem	3⅛-2⅛prem
Brussels	61 84-62 15	61.88-62 11	14-7prem	31-20prem
G phden	11.2346-11 2723	11.2424-11 2659	1⅛-2dis	4¼-4⅛dis
Dublin	1.1162-1 1206	1.1175-1.1185	23-31dis	51-69dis
Frankfurt	2 9878-2 9965	2 9892-2.9935	1⅛-1⅛prem	4-3⅛prem
Lisbon	231 45-233.03	232.06-233.03	94-169dis	336-428dis
Madrid	209.21-210 07	209 77-210 07	154-240dis	424-534dis
Milan	2157 42-2165.64	2158 66-2166.64	par-2dis	3-7dis
Oslo	11 1056-11 1589	11 1356-11 1589	4⅜-5⅛dis	16-16⅛dis
Paris	9 9733-10.0008	9.9753-9 9896	⅛-¼prem	1⅛-⅛prem
St hlm	10 4329-10.4705	10 4525-10 4705	⅛-¼dis	2-2⅛dis
Tokyo	233 35-233.49	233 55-233 94	1⅛-⅛prem	3⅛-2⅞prem
Vienna	21 00-21.08	21 05-21 08	8⅛-7⅛prem	24⅛-21⅛prem
Zurich	2 4550-2.4637	2 4574-2 4614	1⅛-1prem	3⅛-3prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.5 (day's range 73.4-73.5).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2 6330-2.6447
Australia dollar	2 3395-2 3427
Bahrain dinar	0.6255-0 6295
Brazil cruzado*	49.68-49 96
Cyprus pound	0.7800-0 7900
Finland marka	7 2500-7 2900
Greece drachma	221 67-223 67
Hong Kong dollar	13 0076-13 0171
India rupee	21 05-21 25
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4517-0 4557
Malaysia dollar	4 1191-4.1233
Mexico peso	2015 00-2065.00
New Zealand dollar	2 8741-2.8809
Saudi Arabia riyal	6 2240-6.2640
Singapore dollar	3 5370-3.5409
S Africa rand (fin)	5 3887-5 4804
S Africa rand (com)	3.3494-3.3582
U A E dirham	6 0940-6.1340
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4885-1 4900
Singapore	2 1218-2 1228
Malaysia	2 4710-2 4720
Australia	0 7120-0 7125
Canada	1 3381-1 3386
Sweden	6 2630-6.2680
Norway	6 6890-6 6740
Denmark	6 7430-6 7480
West Germany	1 7942-1 7949
Switzerland	1.4743-1 4753
Netherlands	2.0210-2.0220
France	5 9850-5.9900
Japan	140 05-140.15
Italy	1295 0-1297 0
Belgium Comml	37 19-37 22
Hong Kong	7 8030-7 8040
Portugal	138 80-139 30
Spain	125 45-125.55
Austria	12.58-12.60

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,700	English China	594	Rank Org	401
Amstrad	5,100	Fisons	461	Rank Hovis	2,800
Argyll	2,400	Gen Accident	1,300	Redland	777
ASDA-MFI	3,300	GEC	8,000	Reckitt Colman	280
Ass Br Foods	*1,200*	Glaxo	4,100	Reed Int	3,100
BET	668	Globe IT	1,000	Reuters	390
BTR	3,900	Granada	869	RMC Group	328
BAT	1,200	Grand Met	3,100	RTZ	*484*
Barclays	2,900	GUS 'A'	229	Rowntree	1,700
Bass	1,000	GRE	373	Royal B of Scot	880
Beecham	2,600	GKN	5,000	*Royal Ins*	*2,100*
Blue Circle	1,100	Guinness	8,800	Saatchi	633
BOC	793	Hanson	2,900	Sainsbury (J)	889
Boots	2,400	*Hawker Siddeley*	*2,000*	Sears	7,500
BPB Ind	331	Hillsdown	3,100	Sedgwick Gp	2,100
BPCC	1,400	Imp Chem Ind	1,700	Shell	4,500
Br Aerospace	8,300	Jaguar	6,200	Smith & Nephew	1,600
Br Airways	16,300	Ladbroke	3,100	STC	1,100
Brit Comm	163	Land Securities	3,500	Stan Chart	340
Br Gas	30,000	Legal & Gen	3,700	Storehouse	2,300
Br Petroleum	10,000	Lloyds	668	Sun Alliance	437
Br Telecom	6,900	Lonhro	2,600	Tarmac	821
Bristol	2,100	Marks & Spencer	2,300	TSB P/P	20,000
Bunzl	1,600	*MEPC*	*2,400*	Tesco	2,200
Burton	1,400	Midland	1,000	Thorn EMI	1,200
Cable & Wireless	8,100	Nat West	1,600	Trafalgar House	1,300
Cadbury Schwep	573	*Next*	*270*	Trusthouse Forte	4,200
Coats Viyella	255	P & O Dfrd	2,100	Unigate	680
Com Union	8,300	Pearson	2,400	Unilever	128
Cons Goldfields	*1,200*	*Pilkington Bros*	*221*	*Utd Biscuits*	3,700
Cookson Gp	694	Plessey	18,000	Wellcome	1,500
Courtaulds	754	Prudential	400	Whitbread 'A'	1,400
Dee Corp	*2,200*	*Racal Elect*	*7,500*	*Woolworth*	199
Dixons Gp	2,700				

Stock prices on page 27

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	91.40	91.42	91.37	91.37	3130
Sep 87	91.65	91.65	91.58	91.58	829
Dec 87	91.45	91.46	91.40	91.40	454
Mar 88	91.28	91.28	91.23	91.23	172
Jun 88	91 13	91.13	91.10	91 10	17
Sep 88	90.98	90.98	90.95	90.95	11
Dec 88	*90.83*	*90.83*	*90.83*	*90.80*	5
Mar 89	NT	....	....	90.70	0
Previous day's total open interest 27030					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.63	92.66	92.61	92.62	1720
Sep 87	92.14	92.15	92.10	92.11	3509
Dec 87	91 91	91.91	91.85	91.85	554
Mar 88	91 72	91.72	91.68	91.68	58
Jun 88	91.55	91.55	91.55	91.51	5
Sep 88	NT	....	....	91.35	0
Dec 88	NT	....	....	91.19	0
Mar 89	NT	....	....	91.03	0
Previous day's total open interest 30243					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	91-16	91-19	90-29	90-30	5304
Sep 87	90-15	90-15	90-07	90-02	112
Previous day's total open interest 5364					
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	....	....	....	
Sep 87	NT	....	....	....	
Dec 87	NT	....	....	....	
Previous day's total open interest 0					
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	127-08	127-25	127-02	127-03	30523
Sep 87	127-07	127-17	127-01	126-30	357
Dec 87	NT	....	....	126-19	0
Previous day's total open interest 31082					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	220.00	220.00	218.55	218.90	696
Sep 87	222.80	222.80	222.80	222.40	10
Previous day's total open interest 4885					

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	360	390	−10
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	30	33	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	118	128	n/c
64	36	Catalyst Comm	60	64	n/c
75½	24	Corton Beach	73	78	+2½
197	121	Edenspring Inv	192	202	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	38	40	+1
41	8	Do. Warrants	24	26	+1
37	17	Publishing Holdings	41	45	−5
57½	46	Theme Holdings	46	49	n/c
133	112½	Unit Group	110	115	n/c

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 5	May 15	August 6	August 17

Call options were taken out on: 13/5/87 FKI Electricals, Oceonics Group, Property Trust, Carless Capel, Acorn Computers, British Gas, Waltman, NMC, Ault Wiborg, Freshbake, Wiggins, Wade Potteries, Dares Estates, Mercantile House, Century Oils, Aran Energy.
Put: Amstrad.
Puts & Calls: Cluff Oil, Ault Wiborg.



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CU ASSURANCE

THREE MONTHS' REVIEW

Profit increases to £28.2m

★ Unaudited profit before taxation improves by £15.8m.
★ Substantial development of life and savings business.
★ Major insurance markets remain firm despite some signs of increased competition.
★ United Kingdom profits increase strongly despite severe weather.
★ United States maintains progress.
★ Good results continue in other territories.

MAIN FEATURES OF RESULTS	3 months 1987 Unaudited £m	3 months 1986 Unaudited £m	Year 1986 Actual £m
Total premium income	838.8	714.1	2,765.9
Life profits	19.8	18.0	88.2
Non-life operating result	8.4	(5.6)	30.9
Operating profit before taxation	28.2	12.4	119.1
Taxation and minorities	(10.7)	(7.5)	(36.4)
Realised investment gains	18.0	15.6	77.2
Profit attributable to shareholders	35.5	20.5	159.9
Shareholders' funds	£1,416m	£1,336m	£1,428m
Earnings per share	8.61p	4.97p	38.77p

Operating profit before taxation	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	19.3	11.5	97.5
United States	(1.3)	(7.1)	(23.0)
Netherlands	10.2	9.6	50.1
Canada	2.5	2.0	6.2
Rest of the World	7.0	6.6	29.1
Interest on central borrowings – external	(5.5)	(5.8)	(22.3)
– intra-group	(4.0)	(4.4)	(18.5)
	28.2	12.4	119.1

CU ASSURANCE

Commercial Union
Assurance Company plc

Ladbroke Group reports a year of outstanding progress. Pre-tax profit for 1986 exceeds £100m for the first time.

Growth Record	1986 £m	1985 £m	1984 £m
Turnover	1,765.6	1,342.6	1,115.9
Profit before taxation	101.3	75.1	50.2
Profit attributable to shareholders	84.4*	43.2	29.3
Shareholders' funds	698.8	545.6	329.9
Dividends per share	12.50p	11.25p	10.00p
Earnings per share after taxation	25.02p	21.21p	17.97p

Turnover up by 31% to £1.76 billion; operating profit increased 46% to £130.7m; pre-tax profit £101.3m, up 35%. Earnings per share increased 18% to a record 25.02p, notwithstanding the issue of 64.4m new shares in the year.

The group intends to maintain its record of annually increasing dividends, since becoming a quoted company 20 years ago, with a total payment for 1986 of 12.5p.

Ladbroke's growth is based on achieving a balance between short and medium term earnings from a combination of cash flow and asset based businesses for which the company plans year by year increases in profit and earnings per share.

The highly successful rights issue of approximately £300m, completed in April 1987, will accelerate these plans while ensuring the maintenance of a strong balance sheet.

Hotels

Current trading is buoyant and, with a substantial investment in upgrading accommodation and public areas being reflected in increased tariffs, Ladbroke Hotels is confident of achieving major growth in 1987.

Property

In 1986 the group's portfolio of prime properties was expanded on the eastern seaboard of the USA and in the City and West End of London, while good progress was made with developments under construction, commercial lettings and sales of luxury apartments. The foundations have been laid for further substantial progress in the future.

Racing

Ladbroke Racing strengthened its position as the world's largest commercial betting organisation.

Through its acknowledged market leadership, it is in an excellent position to take advantage of the opportunities for growth which exist nationally and internationally.

Texas DIY

The trading performance of Texas Homecare, since its acquisition in April 1986, is very encouraging. Product innovation, backed up by effective sales support and service, continues to reinforce Texas' market leadership position in a buoyant and growing area of consumer expenditure.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

The balance sheet reflects the strength of the group: total assets at the year end amounted to £1,640.5m of which more than £960m was in property assets.

1987

Trading profits for the first four months of the year are most encouraging; the company is confident of again producing good results for 1987.

Ladbroke.

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Notes: The above group figures have been extracted from accounts which contain unqualified audit reports and, except for 1986, have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. *Profit attributable to shareholders for 1986 includes an extraordinary profit of £22.0m.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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Gth & Fxd	118.7	123.4	+0.6	9.73
High Inc Equity	128.2	134.2e	+1.4	3.87
Worldwide Bond	194.6	207.8e	+0.1	4.69
American Growth	187.0	177.6	+0.2	1.73
Asian Pacific	72.5	77.1	+0.5	2.62
Assets I & Earns	154.7	164.5e	+1.1	1.70
Capital Reserve	72.6	73.5	+0.5	1.38
Comm & Energy	172.6	183.6	+0.1	0.95
European Capital	93.6	98.5e	-1.4	1.28
General	175.5	186.6	+0.7	2.41
Japan	53.1	59.0	+0.7	1.01
UK Growth Inc	153.0	162.7e	+0.7	1.91
Do Accum	222.2	236.3e	+0.9	0.70
US Emerging Co's	54.7	58.1	+0.1	1.88
Equities Progress	274.9	292.4e	+2.4	2.25
Mastercard Acc	81.5	86.7		1.38
American Inc	51.2	54.4	+0.1	4.82

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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01-837 6494

Australian	80.8	86.4	-1.3	
Europe Growth Acc	118.7	126.4	-1.8	1.01
Eastern	408.3	432.5e	+4.4	3.90
Far Eastern	228.0	243.9	+2.0	0.10
Fin & Prop	94.7	91.8	+0.6	1.77
High Yield	76.4	80.9e	+0.5	4.31
Income & Gth	327.2	348.6	+2.5	3.49
Intl Earnings	209.8	222.0e	+3.6	1.56
Intl Growth Inc	100.4	106.9e	+0.1	0.41
Japan Growth Acc	152.8	163.4	+2.5	0.20
Nat Resources Inc	206.4	214.6e	-2.1	
Nth Amer Gth Inc	159.0	170.0	+0.6	0.66
Preference Inc	128.9	128.1e		9.69
Small Co's Gth Inc	87.5	92.7	+0.2	3.78
Small Co's Gth	308.8	327.2	+3.2	1.13
Special Sits Inc	174.3	184.6e	+2.4	1.04
UK Growth	431.3	456.9e	+4.4	2.33

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
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UK Special Sits	302.9	321.1	+4.5	2.49
Growth & Income	189.7	178.9e	+2.0	2.66
Capital Trust	268.5	282.4e	+3.1	2.57
Balanced	170.1	180.3	+1.2	2.84
Accum Trust	712.6	755.3	+5.8	2.51
American Income	31.1	33.1		4.92
High Income Tst	322.3	341.5	+2.4	3.84
Equity Income	169.0	179.2	+1.7	3.64
High Yield	183.5	194.5e	+1.7	4.48
Govt Secs Trust	30.4	31.8e	+0.2	7.36
International	109.0	119.9	+1.5	0.69
Far East Trust	147.2	156.1	+3.0	0.51
Pacific Trust	225.8	239.5	+3.4	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	66.0	70.3e	+0.2	1.28
Sons Of Amer Tst	217.6	231.7c	+2.4	0.47
Mid Assets Trust	314.7	333.8e	+3.4	0.49
Conv & Gilt Trust	42.5	44.9e	+0.8	4.98
Smaller Co's	186.6	198.1	+1.7	1.65
2nd Smaller Co's	238.1	252.4	+2.0	1.58
Recovery Trust	110.3	116.9e	+1.4	2.22

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6880

American	50.2	53.5	+0.1	1.81
Australian	27.8	29.5		1.30
Japan & General	141.5	150.6	-2.6	0.03
High Income	58.6	62.5	+0.7	5.13
International Trust	99.3	105.7	+0.6	2.76
Income Gth Tst	67.0	71.3	+1.0	2.76
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.4	23.9e		9.15
Global Markets	39.4	41.9	+0.4	4.32
Special Situations	66.1	70.4e	+0.5	1.40

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	89.0	94.1e	+0.2	0.26
Aust Accum	259.2	274.2	-1.5	0.24
Do Income	182.8	193.4	-3.7	0.24
Capital	89.6	94.4	+1.4	2.26
Exempt Trust	567.7	600.7e	+7.5	3.94
Extra Income	98.5	104.2e	+1.0	4.16
Financial	284.5	301.0c	+3.6	2.61
500	357.4	378.2	+4.4	2.18
General	161.6	169.5e	+3.4	2.50
Gilt & Fixed Int	56.5	59.4c	+0.4	9.22
Japan & Gen Inc	228.6	241.2	-5.7	0.00
Do Acc	230.0	243.8	-5.8	0.00
Growth Accum	264.0	237.6	+2.5	1.85
Income Trust	439.6	465.1	+6.2	3.12

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9002

Australia	105.3	112.6e	+0.4	0.38
Eastern	89.2	95.3	+0.2	0.00
Equity Income	74.3	79.6e	+0.7	4.50
Europe	134.0	142.5	+2.0	1.00
Exempt Trust	22.4	24.1e	-0.3	0.76
Growth & Inc	76.7	82.7	+1.1	2.50
Global Gth	69.4	72.8	+0.4	0.00
Japan Special	114.7	122.6	-1.6	0.10
Japan Sunrise	106.3	113.5e	-1.0	0.00
First Europe	118.5	126.0e	-1.0	0.30
First Japan	98.2	105.0c	-1.8	0.00
First N Amer	48.1	51.1		1.10
First Smaller Co s	97.0	103.1e	+0.8	2.20

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	62.1	65.5	-0.2	0.00
Do Accm	63.7	67.2	-0.6	0.00
European Inc	101.1	108.7	-0.4	1.56
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	27.3	29.6	-0.1	1.92
Do Accum	35.2	37.1	-0.2	1.92
General Inc	215.6	227.7	-3.6	1.73
Do Accum	258.3	314.7	-4.0	1.73
Gilt Yield Inc	116.3	119.8	+0.4	10.23
Global Inc	163.3	172.3c	-0.3	5.34
Do Accum	278.6	296.0c	-0.6	5.34
Do Accum	283.5	309.6	+0.4	10.22
High Yield Inc	128.6	127.2e	-0.7	4.02
Do Accum	247.0	260.6	-1.6	4.02
Int Rec Inc	131.4	138.6c	-1.0	1.59
Do Accum	138.2	146.5	-1.0	1.59
Japan Inc	297.8	314.2	-4.6	0.17
Do Accum	270.6	285.5e	-4.6	0.17
Japanese Spec Inc	121.6	128.3	-1.6	0.00
Do Accum	122.2	128.9	-1.6	0.00
N American Inc	42.3	44.6	+0.2	1.84
Do Accum	60.7	64.0	+0.3	0.84
Pacific Inc	162.7	171.6e	-1.3	0.24
Do Accum	184.0	194.1	-1.5	0.24
Planned Investment	169.1	169.3		2.48
Smaller Co's Inc	120.5	127.1	+0.2	0.97
Do Accum	143.5	151.4	+0.3	0.97
UK Equity Gth Inc	35.7	38.7	-0.4	0.24
Do Accum	64.1	68.1	+0.2	0.24
Worldwide Tech Inc	53.1	56.0	-0.3	0.06
Do Accum	53.6	56.6	-0.2	0.06

BRIDGE FUND MANAGERS
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Capital	489.2	481.1e	+4.1	1.47
Income	370.8	364.5e	+3.4	3.99
North American	308.6	335.2e		0.75

BROWN SHIPLEY
8-17, Pennyseurt Rd, Haywards Heath
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Financial	184.0	195.7	+1.9	1.82
Smaller Co's Acc	366.1	387.4e	+5.4	0.67
Do Income	232.2	245.8e	+3.4	0.67
High Income	85.0	89.2	+0.5	4.61
Income	104.7	111.4e	+0.9	3.77
Main Portfolio Inc	95.9	102.0	+1.4	2.45
Do Acc	162.5	172.8	+2.4	2.04
North American	60.2	64.0	-0.1	1.38
Recovery	98.5	104.9e	+1.2	0.07
Exempt	311.6	334.8e	+4.0	1.80
Recovery	75.9	80.3c	+1.7	1.05
German	30.0	31.9	-0.4	0.49
Technology	153.2	162.9e	+2.4	0.26
Europe	22.4	24.1e	-0.4	0.78

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fallowcrop Inc	95.1	99.3e		2.00
General Inc (4)	303.6	318.7		1.47
Do Accum (4)	459.0	513.2		1.47
Income Fund (3)	134.0	140.3e	+2.2	4.30
Do Accum (3)	244.0	255.5e	+4.0	4.30
Intl Inc (2)	151.5	158.5		1.93
Do Accum (2)	209.2	211.5		1.93
Smaller Inc (3)	89.1	94.2e		1.56
Do Accum	95.8	101.2e		1.56

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 351 Bows Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	489.2	481.1e	+4.1	1.47
Income	370.8	364.5e	+3.4	3.99
North American	308.6	335.2e		0.75

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	488.45			3.86
Fixed Int	151.3	e		9.45
Deposit	100.0			10.85

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	455.09			4.39
Accum	£13.9137			
Deposit	100.0			9.00

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	25.3	26.9e		0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	25.3	26.8	+0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	60.1	63.7	+0.6	3.50
European Growth	30.6	32.4	-0.3	0.40
General Equity	51.4	57.8	+0.2	2.50
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	32.6	22.4	+0.2	9.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	26.1	27.5	+0.2	7.90
Intl Inc Tst	23.5	27.0e	-0.1	4.60
Japan Growth	44.8	47.5	-1.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	36.4	38.4	+0.5	1.80

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 9618

UK & Gen Inc	62.0	65.9	+0.8	2.43
Do Accm	62.0	66.9	+0.8	2.54
Income Inc	62.2	66.1	+0.8	3.54
Do Accm	62.2	66.1	+0.8	3.54
Worldwide Inc	29.3	59.4	+0.4	1.48
Do Accum	55.3	59.4	+0.4	1.48

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Chesgate, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

Euro Gr nth S Inst	74.5	78.9	-0.8	0.66
Extra Income	282.5	246.5e	+1.8	3.57
Financial	227.2	240.5	+2.5	2.00
Sth East Asia Gth	84.1	89.1	+0.1	0.00
Growth Investment	380.1	402.2	+5.6	1.50
Income & Growth	83.0	88.2e	+0.4	3.40
Japanese Growth	276.4	292.4	+4.3	0.00
Nth Amer Growth	177.2	184.7e	+2.3	0.00
Ind Recovery	157.6	166.7	+1.2	1.25
Smaller Co's	323.5	342.4	+3.0	1.08
Global Inc Tst	65.8	69.7		0.66
Special Sits Acc	389.1	422.4c	+3.3	1.66

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

American Trust	138.6	147.4		0.69
European Trust	128.5	134.7e	+0.4	
Growth Trust	298.0	317.0	-0.4	2.27
High Income Trust	332.5	353.7e	+0.5	4.51
Intl Tech Trust	131.7	140.1e	+0.1	
Japanese Trust	197.0	209.6		

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Regent, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 45424

UK Income	64.8	69.0	+0.9	4.00
UK Growth Accum	74.5	79.4	+1.5	2.00
Do Dist	73.5	78.2	+1.5	2.00
European Growth	63.6	67.7e	+0.4	1.86
Pacific Growth	70.7	75.3e	-1.3	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-225 3492

American Fund	69.2	73.6		1.36
Capital Fund	143.0	151.9e	+1.8	1.13
Eurofund	28.4	29.1	-0.3	1.76
Growth & Inc Fund	176.8	187.4	+2.2	3.27
High Dist Fund	153.6	163.6e	+0.9	4.13
International Fund	121.3	129.3	-0.8	0.69
Pacific Fund	25.3	26.9		0.83
Resources Fund	34.0	36.2e	-0.5	0.00
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.7	33.7		
Tokyo Fund	227.8	242.1	-4.0	0.00
(Ex) Income (2)	136.4	143.2e		1.92
(Ex) Japan (3)	127.8	131.1		0.16
(Ex) Pacific (4)	376.2	399.5		0.23
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	184.6	189.7		0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bank Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL50 7LQ
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	96.96	102.5	+1.53	2.31
Do Accum	99.1	105.1	+1.4	2.25
UK Growth Accum	131.5	139.5e	+2.3	1.47
UK High Inc Inc	99.0	105.0e	+1.5	3.33
N American Accum	74.1	79.0	+0.5	0.68
Far Eastern Accum	135.8	144.9	-2.1	0.70
European Accum	88.4	94.3	-1.0	1.22
UK Gth & Fi Inc	58.5	62.5	+0.5	7.84
Do Accum	62.7	66.5		7.37
Intl Spec Sit Acc	46.9	52.2	+1.0	

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LS
0708-68988

Endurance	133.3	141.9	+3.1	0.93

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Equitable Pelican	100.2	106.7e	+1.6	2.72
High Income Trust	97.8	104.1e	+0.9	4.36
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.2	61.9	+0.1	9.49
Tst Of Inv Trusts	87.9	93.6	+0.9	1.50
Special Sits Trust	105.1	111.9	+1.3	2.07
Nth Amer Trust	92.3	98.3	-0.2	1.51
Far Eastern Trust	112.5	120.2	-2.6	0.33
Intl Growth	58.9	62.7	-1.1	0.99

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QP
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	195.7	208.1e	+2.5	2.51
Do Income	165.8	176.3e	+2.2	2.51
Higher Inc Accum	336.9	338.2e	-7.2	3.63
Do Income	282.2	276.9e	+2.4	3.63
Gilts/Fixed Accum	117.4	115.9	+0.5	7.96
Do Income	88.5	93.2	+0.5	7.96
Nth Amer Tst Accum	144.2	153.4e	-0.5	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	195.0	208.5e	-2.0	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	163.4	173.9e	-1.9	0.49
General Trust	300.3	319.4e	+3.3	2.59

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Poultney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	70.9	74.5	-0.1	0.18
UK Income Fund	91.5	97.5	+1.5	4.31
Far Eastern Fund	81.6	86.9	-1.1	0.00
Overseas Income	73.6	78.4	-0.1	3.60
Fixed Interest	62.9	67.0	+0.1	9.53

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361444

American	113.9	123.3	-0.3	0.74
Amer Equity Income	33.7	35.9e	+0.1	3.71
Amer Special Sits	54.6	58.1e	+0.1	0.10
Australian	48.1	47.9	+1.1	1.33
European	51.6	54.7	+0.1	
European Inc	24.0	25.5	-0.1	3.64
Global Conv	35.1	38.6		5.00
Far East Inc	41.3	43.8c	-0.1	3.25
Gilt & Fixed Int	57.8	61.5	-0.2	9.54
Growth & Income	127.7	135.9	-0.4	3.48
Japan Special Sits	55.9	59.7	-0.2	
Japan	169.7	181.1	-1.8	
Managed Int	134.9	164.8		0.19
Mex Income Equity	113.1	120.4	+0.1	3.94
Professional Gilt	44.1	47.8	-0.3	1.74
South East Asia	50.6	54.1	+0.3	0.05
Special Sits	251.3	267.4	+0.5	0.70

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	207.5	219.5	-0.9	
Do Accum	212.1	224.3	-1.0	
Amer Smlr Cos Inc	214.1	226.5	-0.1	1.19
Do Accum	222.0	234.9	-0.1	1.19
Capital Tst Inc	298.7	307.8e	+2.9	1.66
Do Accum	362.5	378.1e	+3.5	1.66
Conv & Gth Inc	168.9	174.4	+1.0	4.40
Do Accum	147.2	155.7	+1.5	4.40
European Inc	67.6	71.5e	-0.3	0.63
Do Accum	67.6	71.5e	-0.3	0.63
Extra Inc Tst Inc	253.6	265.3	+1.9	3.57
Do Accum	262.6	267.2	+3.3	3.57
Financial Accum	54.0	57.1	+0.4	1.09
Do Inc	53.7	56.8	+0.4	1.09
Income Trust	184.7	174.2c	+1.9	3.06
Int Growth Fd Inc	176.8	186.6c	+0.2	
Do Accum	176.8	180.5	-0.2	
Do Accum	168.4	200.4e	-0.3	
Japan & Gen Inc	312.7	329.2	-4.1	
Do Accum	113.6	120.4	-1.7	
Monthly Income Fd	116.2	128.1e	+1.1	3.43
PEP 87	89.5	94.9	+1.0	0.94
Recovery	195.6	206.9	+1.9	0.94
Do Accum	213.3	225.7	+2.0	0.94

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885855

FP Equity Dist	268.9	272.7e		2.26
Do Accum	437.6	465.9e		2.26
FP Fixed Int Dist	119.0	126.5e		9.33
Do Accum	144.8	154.0e		9.33
Stewardship Dist	238.5	247.5e		1.17
Do Accum	243.5	259.4e		1.17
FP North American	129.5	137.2		1.33
FP Pacific Basin	221.0	234.3		0.21

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-588 9431

Amer Special Sits	77.3	82.3e	-0.5	0.50
UK Cap Gnd Inc	149.1	148.1	+3.4	2.00
Do Accum	220.0	218.0	+4.9	2.00
Income Fund	109.8	112.5	+1.7	5.20
International	182.0	204.3	+0.5	0.30
US & General	59.2	63.0e	+0.2	0.70
Japan & General	207.4	227.1e	+0.5	0.00
Far East & Gen	170.6	181.5	+1.8	0.10
European Fund	261.7	278.5	+2.2	0.19
Germany Fund	89.0	99.2	-0.5	1.40
Intl Inc Fund	57.4	61.1	+0.2	4.10

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8EP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5765 Dealing 01-623 5806

American Trust	85.5	91.0	-0.2	0.70
Australian Trust	37.2	39.6e		0.00
British Tst Accum	94.4	88.8	+0.6	1.60
Do Dist	72.4	77.0	+0.5	1.60
Commodity Share	96.4	102.6	-0.1	1.00
European Trust	55.0	58.6	+0.4	0.50
Extra Income Trust	62.5	66.5e	+0.3	4.36
Far Eastern Trust	151.1	160.8	+0.3	0.00
Fixed Interest Tst	77.8	82.8	+0.1	8.82
Frontier Mkts	25.7	27.1	+0.2	0.00
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.8	26.1e	-0.1	9.04
Global Fund Accum	200.5	213.3	-0.3	0.52
Do Dist	170.4	181.4	-0.2	0.52
Gold Share Trust	25.9	27.5	-0.4	0.55
Hedged Assets	36.0	38.3	+0.1	0.00
High Income Trust	31.0	32.9e	+0.3	4.76
Hong Kong Trust	99.4	105.7	-0.1	0.82
Income Fund	108.4	112.2	+1.1	2.61
Japan Trust	145.1	154.3	+1.2	0.00
Managed Exempt	321.9	335.4e	+2.3	1.81
Oil & Resources	44.8	47.7		0.00
Special Sits Trust	147.0	156.4	+1.3	0.68
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	109.5	117.0	+0.5	1.50
Cheltenham UK	27.8	29.0	+0.3	1.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1BA
01-588 5620

Intl Growth	100.5	108.9		0.98
American Growth	71.3	75.8	-0.1	2.57
American Inc	73.0	77.6	-0.3	6.00
European Growth	231.6	247.5	+0.3	0.29
Gold & Minerals	78.3	81.4	-0.2	0.40
Japan Growth	55.2	58.9	-0.7	
Pacific Inc	67.1	69.5	+0.4	3.81
Pacific Strategy	53.2	56.5		9.41
UK Tricontinental Inc	77.5	82.4	+0.4	3.43
UK Special Opps	171.5	182.4	+0.1	0.56

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 8903

Gilt & Fixed Int	125.0	129.9	-0.5	8.55
Growth Equity	266.7	281.2c	-1.8	1.50
Guardhill	359.4	395.1	-3.4	2.30
N American	162.9	181.8e	+0.2	1.08
Pacific	229.9	248.2e	+1.6	0.00
Property Share	389.0	422.3	+2.8	0.94
Smaller Companies	251.5	308.5e	-0.3	0.24
European Trust	276.9	293.1	+2.7	1.88

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

High Income	71.6	76.2e	+0.2	4.71
N Amer Trust	115.3	122.7e	+0.3	0.73
Recovery	310.5	330.4e	+5.2	2.40
Gilt Trust	40.3	41.8e	+0.2	8.64
St Vincent Inc	103.8	112.3		0.79
St Vincent US Gth	72.4	75.3		0.79
Temple Bar Sm Co's	246.4	259.2		2.60
Euro Gth Tst	47.4	50.6	-0.3	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 8, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217016

Hambros Smlr Co's	198.2	197.6	+1.9	1.31
Hambros N Amer	67.0	71.1e	+0.2	0.91
Hambros Jap & F E	154.6	163.4e	-1.2	0.57
Hambros Scandan	80.6	85.7	-0.7	0.90
Hambros European	103.0	109.5e	-1.1	0.64
Hambros Canadian	57.5	61.0	+0.3	1.67
Hambros Equity Inc	111.9	118.7e	+1.1	4.11
Hambros High Inc	94.2	99.9	+0.6	4.82
Hambros Rets Assts	75.6	80.2	+0.3	2.23
Hambros Ind Sts	69.8	74.1	-0.4	0.67

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 217230

Amer Recovery Tst	111.8	118.9e	-0.5	2.04
Amer Smaller Co's	50.2	53.5e	-0.4	0.01
Australian	112.9	120.1e	-0.4	1.01
Capital Growth Inc	75.4	80.3	+1.4	1.37
Do Accum	87.8	93.5	+1.6	1.37
European	265.3	281.8e	-3.4	0.69
Euro Inc Tst	47.7	50.7		4.25
Euro Smaller Co's	108.8	117.2	-1.8	0.16
Extra Income	240.0	255.7	+1.9	9.33
Financial Trust	198.2	211.2e	+0.1	1.33
Fixed Interest Tst	85.6	89.1	+0.1	9.07
Gilt Trust	44.1	46.7e	+0.4	8.27
Global Healthcare	83.4	88.8	-0.7	0.01
Global Inc/BGth	68.6	70.8	+0.1	4.23
Global Resources	124.1	132.8	-0.4	0.00
Global Tech	122.5	130.5	+0.1	0.01
Gold	96.6	102.8		1.64
High Income Tst	252.5	270.0e	+2.0	3.54
Hong Kong	69.4	73.8	-0.5	0.52
Income & Growth Inc	198.8	211.5c	+2.1	2.45
Do Accum	294.4	313.2c	+4.2	2.45
Japanese Special Sits	144.3	154.5	+3.6	0.05
International	201.8	214.5e		1.69
Japan Special Sits	229.0	242.7		0.01
Japan Trust	164.1	174.5	-4.7	0.01
North American	130.4	138.0	+0.4	0.43
Pacific Basin	87.7	93.5e		1.06
Prof & Gth	51.0	54.3		8.83
Recovery Tst	154.5	164.1	+2.2	1.57
Singapore & Malay	41.1	43.7	+0.1	1.14
Smaller Co's Div	185.7	176.5e	+1.0	3.84
Special Sits Inc	188.6	198.7	+1.0	0.61
Do Accum	264.9	282.1	+4.2	0.61
Worldwide	252.4	268.4		2.66
Euro Exempt	127.9	134.6e	-1.6	1.36
Global Tech Exempt	95.9	100.9c	-0.6	0.01
High Income Exempt	166.8	175.4	+1.0	4.07
Japan Exempt	155.4	164.1	-1.1	0.01
N Amer Exempt	91.5	96.3c	+0.4	1.63
Pacific Exempt	188.3	208.8e	+1.5	1.36
Smaller Co's Exempt	177.2	186.5c	+1.5	2.00
Spcl Sits Exempt	44.5	47.4	+0.4	1.80
Spnt Of The East	80.0			3.00

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-652 8811

British Trust Units	650.6	730.7		2.56
Capital Trust Units	1329.9	1400.9		2.18
Dollar Trust Units	139.9	201.0e		1.34
European Trust	149.8	159.8		0.96
Far East Trust	158.3	169.4		1.71
Financial Trust

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
2	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
3	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
4	Brown Boveri Kent	Electricals	
5	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
6	Bailey (Ben) Constr	Building,Roads	
7	BICC	Electricals	
8	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
9	Sinclair Goldsmith	Property	
10	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Ricardo Eng	Industrials L-R	
12	CALA	Property	
13	Estates Gen	Property	
14	BET Ord (aa)	Industrials A-D	
15	Frogmore	Property	
16	Egerton Trust	Property	
17	Rush & Tomkins	Property	
18	Gordon Russell	Industrials E-K	
19	Priest Marians	Property	
20	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
21	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
22	Black (Peter)	Industrials A-D	
23	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
24	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
25	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
26	Br Syphon	Industrials A-D	
27	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
28	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
29	Estel	Industrials E-K	
30	Lees (John J)	Foods	
31	Coloroll Gp	Industrials A-D	
32	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
33	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
34	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
35	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
36	Kwik Save	Foods	
37	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
38	Geest	Foods	
39	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
40	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
41	STC (aa)	Electricals	
42	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	
43	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
44	Saltvesen (Chstn)	Foods	

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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
443	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	434	437	-1½	139	32	199
977	729	Bass (aa)	967	970	+7	233	24	179
76½	62	Bellhaven	72	73	+1½	9.9	12	348
159½	131	Bodington	149	151		5.1	3.4	16.4
564	540	Brown (Matthew)	562	565	+6	19.9	3.5	20.4
171	136	Buckleys	141	143	-1	4.1	2.8	18.8
305	141	Bulmer (H P)	304	308	+3	7.4	2.5	21.1
727	660	Burtonwood Brew	720	728		14.8	2.0	24.2
515	445	Clark (Matthew)	474	480		11.5	2.4	16.4
206	200	Devenish (J A)	205	208		5.7	2.8	13.5
266	182	Greenall Whitley	256	259	+1	7.5	2.9	21.6
361	259	Greene King	375	380	+1	8.9	2.1	21.6
338	264	Guinness (aa)	334	337	+3	11.2	3.3	11.2
653	473	Hardys & Hansons	647	655		25.6	3.9	14.3
80	68	Highland Dist	77	80		3.1	3.9	15.3
161	136	Invergordon Distr	152	158		7.2	4.7	11.3
208	145	Irish Dist	185	185		6.0	3.3	
132	112	Morrison Thomason	131	133		3.4	2.6	18.8
530	345	Moss Bros	510	520		9.6	1.9	29.8
488	131	SA Breweries	385	405				
279	178	Scot & Newc (aa)	263	264	+1½	10.3	3.9	15.9
586	466	Vaux	566	575	-1	18.5	3.2	17.0
329	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	320	321	-3	11.5	3.6	17.6
382	248	Do B	358	360		11.5	3.2	17.6
347	218	Whitbread Inv	338	339	-3	11.0	3.2	42.6
482	382	Wolverhampton & D	393	397		7.0	1.8	18.9
385	274	Young A	378	380	+2	11.4	3.0	25.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	193	Abbey	272	277	+2			
268	232	Aberdeen Constr	250	253	+2	12.1	4.8	15.7
369	270	Ameс	348	350	+1	16.1	4.6	25.8
47	32	Anglo Utd	61	65	+1	2.1	3.4	25.8
125	68	Arnold Hs	105	115		2.2	2.0	25.8
316	217	Ashwood's	314	317	+6	7.2	2.3	24.2
777	527	BPB Ind (aa)	772	777	+9	13.7	1.8	15.2
175	92	Bagnall(John) Brick	165	175	+10	7.4	4.4	23.0
64	51	Bailey (Ben) Constr	54	57	+4	0.9	1.6	11.2
204	138	Barratt Devs	184	188		11.6	6.1	19.5
221	169	Beazer	215	220		10.2	4.6	13.1
394	314	Berkeley Gp	382	385	+2	31.4	8.1	43.7
121	65	Bett Bros	107	111		4.4	4.0	30.0
20	16	Blackfriars	18	19		4.1	2.2	22.1
1010	660	Blue Circle	992	997	+22	31.5	3.2	15.1
317	250	Bovis(Edward Hill	307	312		9.9	3.2	17.8
136	86	Br Dredging	133	136	+1	5.5	4.1	24.5
46½	14½	Brown & Jackson	45½	47	+6½			
168½	79	Bryant	94	98	+7	3.0a	3.1	13.4
18	11	Bunzl & Hallam	14½	15½				1.6
150	80	Calderwood Rotary	122	132	+10	4.5	3.5	28.9
203	149	Cement-Roadstone	185	188	+3	4.8	2.6	22.6
256	196	Cordex Grp	215	218	+2	5.4	2.5	
268	192	Costain	253	254	+2	24.0	4.6	9.5
502	480	Countryside	487	497		8.7	1.3	19.7
241	116	Crouch (Derek)	210	220		6.1	2.8	16.2
157	129	Douglas (Rlfd)	147	150		5.9	3.3	16.3
185	71	Du Cane	177	180	+3	2.4	1.4	38.8
175	98	Fab	164	164		2.4	1.4	19.0
126	78	Do A'	110	126		2.4	1.4	19.0
233	118	Federated Hsg	208	212		5.1	2.4	34.2
125	85	Fenton Gp	115	118	-2	5.2a	4.4	9.2
134	92	Galliford	123	125		6.9	5.5	19.2
145	116	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	140	150		2.7	1.9	26.6
465	346	Gleeson (MJ)	440	450		8.6	1.9	21.7
252	168	Hanegan Ind	248	250	+3	7.4	3.0	15.7
12¾	6¾	Holland Bar	12½	12¾		0.7	5.6	12.5
254	172	Henderson	238	240	-1	9.6	4.0	14.6
100½	74	Hewden-Stuart	97	99		4.6	4.6	13.5
278	228	Heywood Williams	265	268		10.8	3.5	16.5
348	248	Higgs & Hill	335	340		20.6	3.1	13.9
79	48	Howard Sfld	76	78	+1	2.1	2.7	21.2
179	140	Ibstock Johnsen	156	159	+1½	4.1	2.6	15.6
475	416	Jarvis (J) & Sons	454	466	+2	11.5	2.4	10.9
520	379	Lang (J)	484	486		11.5	2.4	10.9
152	88	Do 'A'	484	486		11.5	2.4	10.9
307½	62	Lawrence (Walter)	145	147	-2	5.5	3.8	14.2
242	202	Liley (RJD)	230	233				5.9
297	182	Lovell (YJ)	230	233		5.5	2.4	16.0
362	262	Magnet & Sthn	354	358		7.4	2.1	42.4
395	305	Meiklers	354	358		13.2	4.2	17.5
194	133	Morley	168	168	+5	5.6	3.3	15.4
213	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	208	210	+11	7.5	2.9	22.4
396	268	McAlpine (Alfred)	384	386	+2	19.8	5.1	12.0
80	68	McCarthy & S	77	80		3.1	3.8	15.3
178	136	Mowlem Dest	172	175	+10	7.4	4.3	11.3
208	145	Irish Dist	185	185		6.0	3.3	
152	112	Morrison Thomason	131	133		3.4	2.6	18.8
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BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99½	97	Treas 3%	1987	99½	+¼	3.0	6.788
102¼	95½	Treas 12%	1987	101⅝	..	11.8	9.303
99½	97⅛	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	99⅝	..	7.8	8.190
103¼	96	Exch 10¼%	1988	102	..	10.3	8.256
101⅝	96½	Treas C9¼%	1988	101⅝	..	9.6	8.336
96¼	86¼	Treas 3%	1978-88	96¼	..	3.1	6.007
101⅝	96	Treas 9½%	1988	101⅝	..	9.4	8.348
105½	96½	Treas 11¾%	1989	105½	..	10.9	8.362
103¼	98¾	Treas 10½%	1989	103½	..	10.1	8.403
103⅝	96½	Exch 10¾%	1989	103½	..	9.7	8.470
108	100	Exch 10¾%	1989	107	..	9.6	7.153
105½	98	Exch 11%	1989	105¾	..	10.4	8.405
95⅝	88⅛	Treas 9%	1989-92	102	..	9.3	8.374
102¾	95¼	Treas C9%	1990	102	..	9.3	8.338
94⅞	89½	Treas 3%	1966	94⅝	..	3.2	5.998
111	105¼	Treas 13¾%	1990	110¾	..	11.7	8.482
106½	95	Exch 11¾%	1990	106	..	10.4	8.477
100½	93½	Treas 8½%	1987-90	100⅜	..	11.4	8.453
93	87½	Treas 10%	1990	91¾	+¼	3.3	6.063
100	93½	Treas 8½%	1990	99⅛	..	8.3	8.236
105	97½	Treas 10%	1990	104	..	9.8	8.445
88⅝	80⅝	Exch 10¼%	1990	88⅛	..	8.2	7.447
110⅝	96½	Treas C10%	1991	109⅛	..	10.7	8.548
110¾	102½	Treas 11¾%	1991	109⅛	-⅛	8.0	7.048
95⅛	86½	Fund 5½%	1987-91	95⅛	..	10.1	8.484
109½	100½	Exch 11%	1991	109¼	..	3.4	9.218
88⅛	79¼	Treas 3%	1991	88¼	..		
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
116⅛	107¾	Treas 12¾%	1992	115¾	..	11.0	8.580
106½	92¼	Treas 10%	1992	105⅝	..	9.5	8.570
108¾	99⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	108	..	9.8	8.619
115⅛	100⅛	Exch 11¾%	1992	115	..	10.6	8.670
122½	105½	Exch 13¼%	1992	120¼	..	11.2	8.688
107½	99⅛	Treas 10%	1993	106⅛	..	9.4	8.678
118⅛	108	Treas 12¼%	1993	117¾	..	10.6	8.708
95⅜	81¼	Fund 9%	1993	95¼	..	9.3	8.902
125⅛	113⅛	Treas 13¾%	1993	124⅛	..	11.1	8.761
129⅛	113⅛	Treas 14¼%	1994	129	..	11.2	8.769
120⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼%	1994	119¾	..	10.9	8.835
124⅛	113⅛	Exch 13¼%	1994	123⅝	..	10.8	8.564
103⅛	91⅞	Treas 9%	1994	102⅛	+⅛	10.2	8.852
118⅛	106⅞	Treas 12%	1995	117⅛	..	9.7	8.817
82⅝	75½	Gas 3%	1990-95	81¾	..	3.7	5.517
109⅜	97⅛	Exch 10¾%	1995	108⅝	..	10.4	8.829
133⅛	111⅛	Treas 13¾%	1994	133⅛	..	10.8	8.980
133⅛	101⅛	Exch 13¾%	1995	132⅛	..	10.8	8.703
102	89⅛	Treas 9%	1992-96	101⅞	..	11.0	8.838
126⅛	125⅛	Treas 15¼%	1996	126⅛	..	10.4	8.891
88⅛	80	Exch 13¼%	1996	86½	..	3.5	
88	80	Red Rampt 3%	1996	83	..	3.5	8.941
108	96⅛	Conv 10%	1996	107⅛	..	10.4	8.952
128⅛	115⅛	Treas 13¾%	1997	127⅛	..	9.5	8.867
111	95	Exch 10¾%	1997	110⅛	..	8.7	8.732
101	86⅛	Treas 8½%	1997	100⅛	..		8.748
101	86⅛	Treas 8½%	1997	100⅛	..	10.8	9.127
140	125⅛	Exch 15¼%	1997	138	..	7.7	8.420
88⅛	77⅛	Treas 6¾%	1998-98	85⅝	..	9.2	8.875
106⅛	94⅛	Exch 9¾%	1998	105⅛	..	10.7	9.107
145⅛	128⅛	Treas 12%	1998	144⅝	..	9.3	8.971
109⅛	109⅛	Exch 13%	1998	121⅛	..	9.9	8.761
100⅛	92⅛	Treas 9½%	1998	123⅛	..	9.9	8.978
124⅛	108⅛	Exch 12¼%	1999	112⅛	..	9.4	8.873
112⅛	95⅛	Treas 10½%	1999	110⅛	..	9.5	8.967
111⅛	96⅛	Conv 10½%	1999	110⅛	..	10.0	9.008
131⅛	116⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000	129⅛	..	8.8	8.702
103⅛	88⅛	Conv 9%	2000	102⅛	..	9.1	8.787
110⅛	94⅛	Treas 9¾%	2001	107⅛	..	9.1	8.795
112⅛	92⅛	Conv 9¾%	2001	107⅛	..	10.5	9.093
134⅛	120⅛	Treas 14%	1998-01	133⅛	..		
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
103⅛	100⅛	Exch 9¾%	2002	102	..	8.8	8.750
110⅞	97⅛	Conv 10%	2002	109⅛	..	9.1	8.782
122⅛	108⅛	Exch 12%	1999-02	121⅛	..	9.9	8.987
109⅛	93⅛	Treas 9%	2003	110⅛	..	9.0	8.770
111⅛	96⅛	Treas 10%	2003	110⅛	..	10.1	9.093
138⅛	119⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000-03	136⅛	..	9.1	8.851
121⅛	105⅛	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	120⅛	..	9.0	8.779
107⅛	91⅛	Treas 8%	2002-06	106⅛	..	9.0	8.882
58⅛	51⅛	Fund 3½%	1999-04	58½	..	8.9	8.764
107⅛	91⅛	Conv 9%	2004	106⅛	..	8.9	8.753
107⅛	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2005	106⅛	..	9.1	8.747
116⅛	98⅛	Exch 10¾%	2005	115⅛	..	9.5	8.817
133⅛	116⅛	Treas 12¾%	2000-05	131⅛	..	9.5	8.843
94⅛	82⅛	Treas 8%	2002-06	93⅛	..	8.6	8.787
110⅛	93⅛	Conv 9%	2006	108⅛	..	9.4	8.794
126⅛	110⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	98⅛	..	9.6	8.889
99⅛	86⅛	Treas 8½%	2007	98⅛	..	8.5	8.812
123⅛	103⅛	Treas 13¾%	2004-08	140⅛	..	9.7	8.673
104⅛	87⅛	Treas 9%	2008	103⅛	..	8.5	8.630
94⅛	80⅛	Treas 8%	2008	93⅛	..	8.6	8.494
89⅛	76⅛	Treas 8%	2008-12	88⅝	..	9.5	8.603
93⅛	78⅛	Treas 8¾%	2012-15	90⅛	..	9.0	8.735
124⅛	112⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	133⅛	..		
UNDATED							
45	39⅛	Consols 4%		45⅛	..	8.9	
45⅛	34⅛	War Ln 3½%		40⅝	..	8.7	
51	45	Treas 5%		51	..	9.9	
39⅛	34⅛	Treas 3%		39⅛	..	8.6	
28⅛	24⅛	Consols 2½%		28⅛	..	8.8	
28	24⅛	Treas 2½%			..		
INDEX-LINKED							
131	124	Treas IL 2%	1988	131	..	2.0	1.624
116⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 2%	1992	116⅛	..	2.0	0.886
98⅛	93⅛	Treas IL 2%	1996	128⅛	..	2.0	1.688
158⅛	117⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2001	109⅛	..	2.5	3.181
131⅛	100⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2003	107⅛	..	2.5	3459
129⅛	99⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2006	110⅛	..	2.5	3455
113⅛	101⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009	105⅛	..	2.5	3.340
122⅛	97⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2011	110⅛	..	3.0	3.295
111⅛	100⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2013	109⅛	..	3.0	3.250
99⅛	89⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2016	100⅛	..	3.0	3.215
103⅛	95⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	99⅛	..	3.0	3.163
101⅛	90⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2024	99⅛	..	2.8	
99⅛	90⅛	Treas IL 2½%			..		

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	230	Allied Irish	258	263		9.8b	3.4	7.5
90½	58	Ansbacher (Henry)	84	86	-1	2.7	3.1	25.3
251	219	Aus New Z	77p	378	-1	15.0	3.9	
		Bankamerica	242	247	+4	17.0	6.9	11.2
295	193	Bank Of Ireland	13	15		17.0	4.9	11.2
111	111	Bank Leumi Isrl	348	360				9.3
368	340	Bank Lmnts Ltr	500	510		22.6	4.4	18.4
514	365	Bank Of Scotland	80	85	+1	3.8	4.4	16.1
88	66	Bank Of Wales	540	543	+15	28.0	5.2	26.5
514	484	Barclays (aa)	80	83	+1	3.8	4.4	16.1
91	45	Benchmark	568	580	+10	13.4	2.3	11.1
592	553	Brown Shipley	120	130		6.4	5.1	26.8
139	101	C.L. Mortgage	435	445	+5	27.0	6.1	14.7
465	290	Cater Allen	59	60		2.7	4.5	
44	44	Castles	22½			2.0	8.9	
21	21	Chase Manhattan	20⅝			0.6	3.0	
91	90	Citicorp	88½			6.0	6.8	
111	85	Commerzbank	214½		+2½	10.8	5.0	24.4
289	289	Deutsche Bank	296	37	-1	15.0	5.1	12.3
29	29	Equity & Gen	28	29		1.5	5.2	
205	205	First Nat Finance	395	400	+3	21.0	5.3	18.8
108	108	Gerrard Nat	105	107	+1	10.0	9.3	10.5
110	108	Guinness Peat	206	208	+9	18.0	8.6	11.2
30	30	Hambros	28½	30		1.5	5.0	
30	30	Hill Samuel	511	515		17.5	3.4	24.3
197	197	Hn Stenahm	510	515		24.7	4.8	19.7
473	473	Joseph (Leopold)	185	189	-3	4.1	2.2	9.7
484	473	King & Shaxson	510	515	+13	24.7	4.8	12.5
246	246	Kleinwort Benson	533	535		41	4.7	
246	246	Lloyds Intl	98	98		4.1	4.2	
370	370	Lyon Shaw	370	373	+13	8.2	2.2	
66	66	Mallinhall Sec	131	134	+3	3.0	2.2	6.6
95	95	Do B	128	135		3.0	2.2	9.5
303	303	Midland Bank	303	307		14.4	4.7	

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50⅜	38	AKZO N/V Bearer	39½	40	+½	400	10.1	
298	241	Allied Colloids	285	290	+5	9.1	3.1	26.9
216	156	Anchor Chemical	208	210	+2	8.9	4.2	23.2
1134	91	BTP	1105	1110	+7	7007	6.7	
1134	91	Bayer DM50	1105	1110	+7	7007	6.7	
180	132	Blagden	177	181	+1	9.9	5.5	13.1
189	163	Brent Chems	167	167		6.3b	3.8	19.1
121	93	Br Bentoil	111	113	+15	5.5	4.9	23.4
139	139	Canning (W)	222	225	+1	5.5	2.5	13.9
278	278	Cantrell	111	113	+1	10.5	9.3	23.4
111	111	Coates Bros	278	278	+1	7.5	2.7	13.9
111	111	Do 'A'	278	278	+1	7.5	2.7	13.9
29	29	Dorey (Horace)	27	28	+1	1.0	3.6	13.9
111	111	Do Dfd	27	28	+1	1.0	3.6	13.9
172	154	Elks & Everard	219	221	+2	8.2	3.7	13.9
219	219	Evode	219	221	+2	8.2	3.7	13.9
219	219	Fosroc-Mineop	219	221	+2	8.2	3.7	13.9
145	116	Halstead (James)	140	142	+2	5.3	3.7	13.9
713	713	Hickson	713	713	+1	24.0	3.4	14.5
713	713	Hickson DM50	713	713	+1	24.0	3.4	14.5
106	106	Hoe (Lloyd)	133	133				
14½	14½	Holliday Chem Ind (aa)	14½	14½		4.4	30.3	14.8
516	405	Laporte	445	450		14.0	3.1	16.5
145	111	Leigh	142	145		5.3	3.7	21.1
17½	13	Norsk Hydro	17½	17¾	+¼	2.6	1.5	26.0
235	168	Pyrex	233	235		8.5	3.6	15.7
203	182	Rossmore Hdgs	203	203		4.6	2.3	15.1
214	149	Rentokil	214	216	+2	3.8	1.8	21.3
268	268	SHM BPD	268					
91	91	Sutcliffe Speakman	91	94	-1	3.4	3.6	15.3
258	258	Wolstenholme Rnk	258	260		12.9	5.0	15.4
265	163	Yorkshire Chem	265	268	-1	7.1	2.9	15.4

CINEMAS AND TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
276	202	Anglia TV 'A'	468	487		15.4	3.3	13.7
1321	918	Central TV	1287	1297	-5	23.3	1.8	13.6
1321	48½	Grampian	57	57		2.7	4.7	13.6
1321	1321	HTV W/V	1287	1297	+16	23.3	1.8	13.6
1321	1321	LWT Hdgs	1287	1297		23.3	1.8	13.6
1321	1321	Scot TV	1287	1297	+16	21.4	1.6	11.6
1321	1321	TSW	1287	1297		23.3	1.8	13.6
1321	1321	TVS N/V	1287	1297	+1	14.0	1.1	8.4
1321	1321	Thames TV	1287	1297	+16	15.9	1.2	15.6
1321	1321	TV-AM	1287	1297		23.3	1.8	13.6
1321	1321	Tyne Tees TV	1287	1297		7.6	2.2	13.4
1321	1321	Ulster TV	1287	1297	+11	8.9	2.4	19.8
483	194	Yorkshire TV	360	365				

DRAPERY AND STORES

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
330	111	Alexon	327	330	+5	5.7	1.7	21.4
34	14	Amber Day	34	34½				39.1
87	65	Appleyards 'A'	87	87		1.4	1.6	27.1
168	136	Ashley (Laura)	160	162		3.1	1.9	25.1
136	136	Bejam	136	136		3.1	2.3	25.9
24	7	Brooks Lee	7	8				
79	66	Body Shop	78	79				
86	79	Bonmar	86	86				
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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

May 14, 1987

Lord Thomson: more than 80 per cent of pupils use educational television programmes

Schools broadcasting, now an important part of learning, offers a huge range of subjects



Lord Thomson of Monifieth has been chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority since 1981. He is a former Labour MP and served in the Labour governments between 1964 and 1970. He was an EEC Commissioner from 1973 to 1977

This month marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of the schools television service in Europe. It is an interesting historical fact that educational television – surely one of the hallmarks of public service broadcasting – was introduced to this country not by the BBC, but by commercially funded ITV.

Independent Broadcasting can, therefore, be permitted a modest measure of celebration for the not inconsiderable achievements of ITV *Schools* over the past generation. Not least for sheer persistence – the service opened in May 1957 to a cacophony of hostile comment from most of the Press. This died away pretty promptly as the first programmes were transmitted, but some influential figures in the educational world set their face against the new venture even after the BBC joined ITV with their complementary service six months later.

Lord James of Rusholme, then High Master of Manchester Grammar School, declared that television would enter his school "over my dead body".

Progress, from the first term of transmissions, available to a hundred or so schools in London and Birmingham, to the present situation, has been slow but sure.

Well over 80 per cent of UK primary and secondary schools now make use of the ITV *Schools* service, with more than 25,000 classes taking the most popular of our series on its first transmission. The actual usage is wider and indeed deeper than such a single viewing.

The most recent survey of schools television in the annual BBC/IBA series shows that most schools now have several video-recorders, with secondary schools holding cassette recordings of an average of 100 programmes. This library of video-cassettes provides a growing resource of materials. Video-recorders, as educational tools, are no longer primarily used, as was once the case, to produce a "timeshift" of the published programmes to suit school timetables.

How is the ITV *Schools* service material being used? A glance at the contents of the *Annual Programme Booklet for 1987-88* shows an enormous range of subjects. If there is one word to summarize the range of skills being inculcated at all levels and across the curriculum, it is, I think, capability.

Even in 1957 the programmes were, of course, designed as an enrichment rather than a replacement for the teacher's work. Increasingly, and with gathering pace as reliable video-recorders have been installed in schools, the ITV *Schools* service has aimed to provide learning packages rather than instructional statements.

So, for example, a new series for eight-year-olds called *Science – Start Here* will aim to do just that – to help teachers develop science activities in the junior schools. The learning package available to teachers includes not only the programmes themelves and a teachers' booklet, but a computer disc and datafile. This is one of about 40 sets of computer software created for school use, available in the coming year.

In Britain we have started to move away from the "vaccination" model of education, whereby education is seen as something you have to have, but having "had" it, you are immune for the future. Fortunately for the health of schools television, the IBA and BBC services, which compete vigorously with each other for audiences in general programming, work in partnership in educational television.

The complementary IBA and BBC services have always aimed to encourage the development of lasting skills, capability for the future. This purpose is in tune with the objectives of new GCSE and similar modern syllabuses, and with the new emphasis on training for competence.

Thus, for example, at primary and middle school level, several series aim to encourage not only basic skills in reading, number and communication, but also in computer literacy and in broader project work.

On the subject of science, on which the IBA's Educational Advisory Council has been encouraging new approaches at all levels for some years, Yorkshire Television's *Scientific Eye* is a major new initiative. This series is entirely skills-based, in the sense that it encourages pupils to explore scientific themes by interactive methods springing from the use of the video-recorded television programmes. Computer software offers decision-making exercises to the pupils, aged nine to 13, for whom the project is designed, and ingenious pupils' worksheets supplement the teachers' booklets.

The whole venture (and this is a pretty typical example of a new series) was prepared over several years, utilizing advice from a great range of professional bodies and previews with the clients – teachers and pupils.

This year sees the end of another major project, in craft, design and technology. This five-year scheme was created by Thames Television in close consultation with HM Inspectorate and other advisers. Increasingly, schools broadcasting seems to be playing a quiet but important role in the in-service training of teachers and in helping to introduce new curricula.

At the same time, other skills (I am thinking of modern languages, or moral and social skills, or English language itself) are no less important for having a continuing central place in school life. Celebrated series such as *Middle English* from Thames, or more unusual ventures such as Central's *Starting Out*, now play a significant part in enabling young people to prepare for life after school.

But ITV's educational television also enables them to prepare for examinations.

There is the valued Granada tradition of resource material for science teachers, especially of experiments that are difficult or impossible to undertake in the school laboratory. There are now series that aim to support work for new examinations (GCSE) or for training schemes such as the Certificate of Pre-Vocational Education (CPVE) or the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI).

The destruction of the "vaccination model" of education is nowhere made more clear than with series such as Yorkshire's *Schools Out*, which aims – like several other schools broadcasting projects – to help school-leavers to cope with a new job, with YTS training, or simply with managing their money.

The long-term future of the ITV *Schools* service depends in the long run, as it always has done, on the attitudes of its users. It can fairly be claimed, I believe, with some 800 programmes (not including repeats) being transmitted this year, and an expanding range of support materials being offered to teachers and purchased by them, that the service has become an important element in the work of most schools.

Although competition for access to broadcasting schedules is bound to grow in years to come, there is every reason to hope that the educational world will be ready to speak out for the continued good health of the service as vigorously as some resisted its inception 30 years ago.

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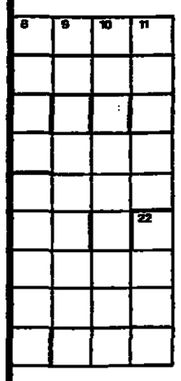
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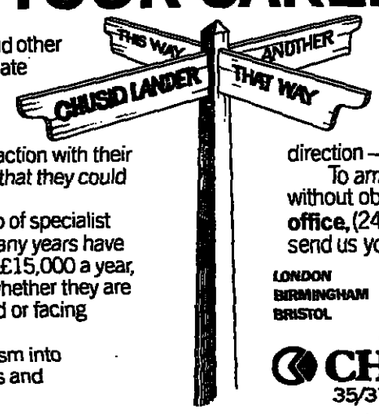
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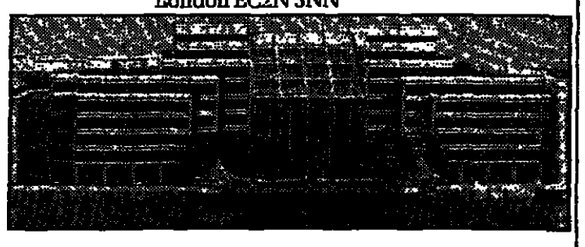
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Bringing new life to old firms is now worth £500 million a year in fees to the management consultancies, says Godfrey Golzen

Management consultancy is now a boom area of business services, with a British fee volume conservatively estimated at £500 million. But it was not always so.

In the 1970s, Robert Townsend's best-seller, *Up The Organisation*, defined a management consultant as someone who borrows your watch to tell you the time and then walks off with it.

That hurtful crack epitomized the feeling that what consultants mostly did was to identify a problem you already knew existed and then suggest a solution without getting involved in the difficult, often dirty business, of implementing it.

Since then, the industry has shifted its ground considerably. "We're concerned with building in quality, rather than inspecting it," is how David West, of Binder Hamlyn, puts it.

This often means getting involved in what used to be regarded as in-house functional areas; setting up a remuneration system, for instance, or developing a marketing strategy for a new field of activity.

The reasons for this new emphasis are to be found in the changing structure of organizations towards a permanent core and a periphery of sub-contractors.

"In the 1970's recession, management became sharply aware of the costs of high-priced in-house expertise if it was not fully used", he explains.

"If you're only deploying someone for 100 days a year, it's cheaper to bring in a consultant for those 100 days. You not only save the salary, you also save the fringe benefits. And if a consultant isn't performing, all you have to do is to phone the firm and tell them to take him or her off the assignment."

The increased involvement in day-to-day functions and implementation does, however, call for a different kind of consultant than the skilled analyst and number-cruncher of even the recent past.

Nowadays the consultancies look for line managers with a relevant degree topped up by a few years of experience, not only in specific fields but also in the realities of how organizations operate.

"You have to understand what will actually fly, as well as what ought to happen", says Mr West. "It's also important to be able to communicate in such a way that what you say will also stick after you've gone.

"It's a question of effecting technology transfer, not just of leaving a set of recommendations behind."

Consultants who can do this are also the kind of people that Dominic McGlynn, of Harold Whitehead, would like to recruit. They are an established firm in the traditional consultancy mould, with a blue chip list of clients, many of them in the public sector – a boom area for consultants in the wake of the Government's search for "value for money" in central and local administration. As a typical assignment, Mr McGlynn cites a survey into the pros and cons of direct, as opposed to sub-contracted, labour by a local authority.

But though management consultancy is booming, it is also highly competitive. Assignments are increasingly put out to tender among several firms. "Time and the range of skills that you can offer are as crucial as cost," Mr McGlynn says.

He points out that a recent survey of the 30 top UK management consultants shows that some of the biggest firms also charge some of the highest fees. It is also noteworthy that most of the top 30 are firms which until a few years ago were thought of as being primarily chartered accountancy practices.

These now have at least 50 per cent of the UK market, though they are about to face a challenge from Saatchi which says it intends to go for a 10 per cent.

They may well do so by themselves acquiring accountancy practices. "Chartered accountants have an 'in' through audits and continuous client contact," says Mr West. "Most problems and opportunities show up through the figures and take you into every facet of an organization.

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Mr McGlynn frankly admits that competition from chartered accountants is a serious threat to "pure" consultancy practices like his.

"There's very little repeat business when a job is well done," he says, adding that the answer is to specialize and also to merge with other firms in order to offer a wider range of expertise within a chosen field. "We've focussed on a number of areas such as information technology, human resource management and market planning."

But he also says that over-specialization can itself make you vulnerable; first to rivals who will try to head-hunt your specialists, and second, because it makes it difficult to build a broad client base.

Nevertheless, there is a considerable growth in one- or two-person consultancies offering very specific bits of expertise. He thinks they may well have a combined fee income of around £100 million and because they usually have low overheads they can compete very effectively in the small business sector.

As an extension of that, there is also a trend towards what is effectively hidden consultancy. "I don't believe there's any difference between a man like Ian McGregor, hired out by his firm to do a specific job, and the sort of task we normally carry out."

There is, in fact, an increasingly close relationship between management consultancy and temporary executive work. A sign of this is the fact that consultants Inbucon, seventh in the big league, have set up a joint venture with CBI for just that purpose.

Derek Palmer, who heads the CBI/Inbucon Temporary Executive Service, says: "A lot of firms want to draw on us for very senior personnel for projects that are still at the pilot stage when they're not certain of their future.

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ROWING

Briton shapes up for Europe

By Jim Railton

The Wingfield Sculls could produce an exciting and tactical race today between Britain's Steve Redgrave, an Olympic and world gold medal winner, and Doug Hamilton, of Canada, the world sculling champion. The Wingfield, raced over the championship course from Putney to Mortlake, is the coveted amateur championship of the Thames in single sculls.

The event has attracted five scullers to spread themselves across the Thames at Putney at the start. Apart from Redgrave, representing his home town of Marlow, and Hamilton, the Tideway Scullers School, the other contenders are Johnson (Globe), Kittermaster (Barclays Bank) and Pollecutt (Thames Tradesmen). Redgrave is drawn on the inside station (Surrey), Hamilton in the middle and Pollecutt on the outside (Middlesex).

The race had been postponed because Redgrave was in Europe training for his international season. After defending his title, Redgrave will be off once again to Europe to take part in the top opening international regatta in Mannheim, West Germany this weekend.

Redgravewill be going for his third successive Wingfield championship. Despite his outstanding successes in rowing with Olympic and world gold medals and a brilliant year in prospect Redgrave has more than a sneaking regard for the loners' event.

He is a world junior double sculls silver medallist and Commonwealth Games single sculls champion. But he finished last with a strained back in the small final of the 1985 world championships in Duisburg and was sculled to a standstill by Denmark's lightweight world champion, Bjorn Eltang, in the final of the Diamond Sculls this year. Redgrave can blow hot and cold in sculling events.

Hamilton is essentially a team sculler with an Olympic bronze medal in 1984 and the world title in 1985 in quadruple sculls. So in theory an intriguing championship could take place with Redgrave keeping his sculling eye in, despite being earmarked for yet another brilliant rowing season this year, against essentially a team sculler.

If the north wind persists it could be a tricky Tideway off the start and tactics, as in this year's Boat Race, could play an essential role. The umpire is Leander's Chris Baillieu, who provided Redgrave as Wingfield sculls champion.

Mr Windsor, showman extraordinary to the Queen



King of the castle: Geoffrey Cross is to the Windsor Horse Show what Gilbert was to Sullivan (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Cross stamps his royal mark on the great outdoor horse show

No other horse show in England ranks with Royal Windsor. When Richmond ended 20 years ago it was left to Windsor to uphold the tradition of the big outdoor show. Against considerable financial odds it not only survives but flourishes, as visitors to this year's event, which begins today in its traditional and spectacular setting at the foot of Windsor Castle, will witness.

Today's is the 44th show and Geoffrey Cross, who founded it jointly with Count Robert Orssich in 1943, has been chairman throughout. He describes it as "really rather the Queen's Show". The Queen first attended in 1944 when, as Princess Elizabeth, she drove a phaeton in the utility class. Since her accession she has not missed a show, though the 1954 dates were rearranged to coincide with her return from the Commonwealth tour.

Royal patronage alone would not have ensured the show's survival. Cross himself accounts for much of its success. He has immense style — reminiscent of a character in one of Somerset Maugham's novels — and he has stamped Windsor with his flair and charm. He delegates well and behind an affable, courteous manner is a shrewd instinct for public relations. "He is," Count Orssich says, "irreplaceable. Without Geoffrey Cross there would be no Windsor."

Cross would be disturbed by such talk. He wants no publicity for himself. "Couldn't you write about Windsor without mentioning me?" he asked.No more than one could write about Gilbert without mentioning Sullivan.

Much of Cross's life has been involved with horses.He was secretary of the Guards Polo Club for 27 years and formerly ran a stud farm in Ireland. He lives in California, largely for health reasons, and returns to England in April for the run-up to Windsor.

Windsor owes its origins to his ill health. Cross had been invalided out of the Army in 1940 with thrombosis and wanted to help the war effort. He and Count Orssich, a producer of top show horses, decided to run a horse show to make money for the war charities. It was held on a Wednesday afternoon and was a simple affair. Spectators came by trap and pig because there was no petrol.

Cross was in charge of the social side and Orssich of the horses. There was a full afternoon's showing. Count Orssich competed and without letting on that he had chosen the judges. There was also a dog show which Cross remembers as "a shambles". The next year two dogs had a "hell of a fight" in the members' enclosure and he vowed never again to have a dog on the grounds — except for hounds. He has been true to his word.

That first show cost £500 to put on. This week's show, running until Sunday, will cost more than £250,000 — a figure which could not be met without the support of the three main sponsors, Harrods, Modern Alarms and the Beneficial Corporation.

It will involve more than 2,000 horses and ponies. Classes range from Highland pony — in which the Queen has three entries — to show hack; from lightweight polo pony class — which the late Maharajah of Jaipur used to win regularly — to heavyweight hunter. Showjumpers such as Harvey Smith, David Broome and John Whitaker will compete in the main ring. Driving, included since 1973, takes place in the Great Park. Prince Philipis competing with a team of Black Fell ponies.

Between the classes are displays and fun events, including a Shetland Pony Grand National, a musical drive of heavy horses and parades of several packs of hounds. At the close of the evening performances the musical drive by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, performed against the floodlit castle, will encapsulate the show's style. "It is," Cross says, "a very serious horse show with a great deal of pageantry."

The chairman's patrician figure will preside with an unruffled courtesy which is as much at home in the Royal box as it is when coping with a rider's dispute. No detail is too small.

Not for Windsor the slow death that befell Richmond, which became known as the "what-a-pity show" because of frequent cries of "what-a-pity there's no bandstand... no flowers... no live music." When pruning has been necessary at Windsor it has been done without affecting the show's style. Between 1943 and 1980 it grew from a one to a five-day show. For financial reasons it was reduced to four days in 1984 but no classes were lost.

As befits a show with such lofty connections, it generally runs smoothly. Mishaps, when they occur, are on the grand scale. Last year all the rockets in the Beneficial Corporation's end-of-show display went off at the same time.

"We were exceedingly fortunate," Cross says. "One tent had a hole in it and one old lady had a heart attack. But she made a full recovery." This year the fireworks will be let off at the safer distance of the Home Park. Cross is ever the diplomat.

Jenny MacArthur

SPORTS LETTERS

Communication is the key

From Mr Mathew Prichard

Sir, May I as an MCC member for more than 20 years and as one whose company sponsored a Young England Test match at Lord's last year be allowed a few comments on the current depressing situation among the governing bodies of cricket?

I have felt for some time that the management of MCC has forgotten how to communicate with its members and I am not at all surprised that this frustration has reached the surface. At the match we sponsored it was extremely difficult to get a reply from the secretariat of MCC concerning match arrangements and entertainment facilities (a difficulty I know was shared by the National Cricket Association).

As a member of MCC I believe the system of "starring" of prospective committee members approved by the committee is insensitive: have we really elected members who cannot be trusted to make up their minds between well-known cricket and business names, with the assistance of a potted biography? Or is somebody frightened that we might upset the establishment? Worse still, the steady increase in membership has made watching cricket at Lord's as an ordinary member a big struggle on important occasions, necessitating arriving at 9.30, with no reserved seat, and queueing endlessly for food and drink.

I do not think the real problems of the club have anything to do with our relations with the TCCB but have been largely of our own making. Anyway, can any member contemplate Lord's without international or professional cricket?

I sincerely hope that all the people involved can forget their prejudices and get on with the practical business of running a club.

Yours faithfully,
MATHEW PRICHARD,
Agatha Christie Ltd,
Pwllywrach,
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May 8

Club advantages

From Mr Jeremy Burford

Sir, The problems between the MCC and the TCCB have tended to draw attention away from the most disappointing aspect of the MCC. Anyone who has been a member of the clubs, such as the Western Province at Newlands or the Cricketers' Club at Brisbane, will know the unique advantages of combining full club facilities with an international cricket ground.

At Newlands the club is alive from morning to late evening with members at nets, their wives and families on the tennis courts, people dropping in for lunch or dinner in the pavilion and the members' bar open until 11 pm. The MCC needs a commercial manager to run it in this way. It has an unrivalled location and the demand for such facilities would be boundless.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BURFORD,
15 St Peter's Square,
W6

Time for action

From Mr Scott C. Pearce

Sir, I am writing to express my anger, concern and dismay at the unprecedented scenes of chaos and disruption at the end of the John Player Special Cup final between Bath and Wasps at Twickenham on May 2.

With two minutes of normal time to be played and Bath winning, a pitch invasion by the Bath supporters ensued. The referee, on the instructions of the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, abandoned the game because of the "dangerous situation" presented to the players.

In soccer the referee can opt to abandon the game and have it replayed at some future date. As far as I am concerned, the authorities capitulated to the mob and their action is reprehensible. The rules of Rugby Union clearly state that 80 minutes of play constitutes a match, not 78 minutes. Those two minutes would have made no difference to the result, but if the rules can be flouted so easily then why bother with such things.

These points are all the more pertinent in a cup final situation. One wonders what action would have been taken had the pitch invasion occurred, say, 10 minutes from the final whistle?

To suggest, as one reporter did, that the Bath supporters were "over-excited" is just plain nonsense. The Bath contingent numbered 25,000, a figure not produced in their previous home or away attendances this season. The huge numbers therefore comprised occasional "supporters", many of whom were young and, frankly, whose behaviour inside and outside the ground left much to be desired.

These so-called supporters were in such high spirits due to the fact that many of them had consumed large amounts of alcohol. Another tell-tale sign was the football-style chanting. The rugby authorities must clamp down on this loutish behaviour immediately; otherwise rugby will follow the same path of other sports, notably football, where tribal warfare exists on the terraces. Rugby's essence lies in its sense of fair play.

The Bath players, their supporters and Dudley Wood owe Wasps a public apology and an assurance that effective measures will be taken to prevent such scenes as those at Twickenham from occuring in future matches.

Yours faithfully
SCOTT C PEARCE,
The Cot, Dickerage Lane,
New Malden, Surrey

Para umpires

From Mr Adrian Myer

Sir, Mr Pearl's letter (May 7) about weak referees should be a reminder that before long we shall be treated to another invigorating display of collective infantile petulance from the world's most gifted tennis players. The answer for Wimbledon, though, is simple and is as follows: umpires, without exception, should be chosen from sergeant-majors in the Paras; linesmen from the SAS (in summer-weight balaclava helmets, if necessary); and the tournament referee either or both the Messrs Thwackum and Quelch. That I would relish. That I would watch. The reality I shall not.

Yours faithfully
ADRIAN MYER

Woodacre,
Leatherhead Road
Oxshott, Surrey
May 7

Official award

From Mr John Caton

Sir, When selecting the Man of the Match, why are umpires and referees not taken into consideration? In the Rugby League Cup final quite the most accomplished performances came from the referee who had complete control and whose decisions were excellent. He would have been a worthy winner of the Lance Todd Memorial Trophy.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CATON,
Whiteholme,
Pleasington, Blackburn
May 5.

Putting across another view

From Mrs Sally Clarke

Sir, Your correspondent, Andrew Longmore, in his review of the new Mound Stand at Lord's (May 1), points out that for 23 years residents of floors five to 10 of Lord's View flats have had a perfect view of the cricket, which they will now be unable to see, except from the roof.

At an average of 67 days' cricket played per season at Lord's (weather permitting), this is in the region of 1,541 days of free cricket-watching.

There must be many people who have spent hours queueing to get into the ground and a considerable amount of money in the process, who will be delighted that their view is at long last impaired, meaning that they will have to purchase tickets like the rest of us.

Perhaps they should spare a thought for the army of young cricketers who spend years being coached in the hope of playing for Middlesex CCC with the sole aspiration of being able to stand in the middle at Lord's and see floors five to 10 of Lord's View. How disappointed they are going to be!

Yours faithfully,
SALLY CLARKE
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May 3

Marginal error

From Mr J. R. Humphries

Sir, Dr Nicholson (Sports Letters, May 7) suggests that since snooker frames are typically won by 50 points, and shooting contests by one or two points, a drug-induced performance improvement of 0.7 per cent would signify in the latter but not in the former.

But surely the winning margins in the two sports are irrelevant in this context? If shooting ran on snooker lines, with two contestants drawing bullets from a limited common pool, the turn passing to the opponent after a miss, we should see snooker-sized winning margins.

And if snooker ran on shooting lines, with contestants playing on separate tables and being allowed the same number of shots each, then we should see shooting-sized winning margins.

Yours faithfully,
J R HUMPHRIES
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May 7

Dangerous ground

From Mrs Tilly Marshall

Sir, Sydney Friskin reports (May 6) that Mr Barry Hearn "declared himself to be the happiest man on earth" after Steve Davis regained the world snooker title and gave his reasons.

This would appear to be a very dangerous allegiance, with a very serious bearing upon the future of snooker, coming from a manager representing six other top players, three of whom might well have been expected to reach the final.

Indeed, in the light of Hearn's comment, it is interesting that the runner-up was not managed by Hearn.

If snooker is to remain the game it has been, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association must think very hard before it permits the supremo Hearn more power than he already has.

Yours faithfully,
Tilly Marshall
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May 6

FISHING

Old tackle lands big money

By Conrad Voss Bark

Old fly fishing tackle, particularly fly wallets and Hardy Perfect reels, providing they are over 20 years old, are fetching higher prices every year as competition to acquire them for private collections intensifies.

A special prize coming on the market is a leather fly wallet with gold-blocked letters *HRH Prince Edward* which Bonham's are auctioning at their Chelsea branch on June 5. It is included in the sale of Hardy rods and mounted fish in glass cases.

An official of Bonham's, David Ray, told me they had a fine history of the royal wallet. It had come originally from a Mr Finch, who was tutor for field sports to the then Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII, and his brother, Prince George, later George VI.

At a private club sale the other day a cane rod which belonged to G. E. M. Skues (1858-1949), thefather of nymph fishing, was sold for nearly £250, which was regarded as a bargain. In a public sale it might well have fetched double. Yet the rod, a Leonard, could not have been used for fishing without repair.

Victorian salmon flies are highly prized but they need to be in mint condition for collectors to take an interest. However, a good Hardy reel dating from 1900 or before will fetch high prices, especially in America. One went the other day to an American collector for over $500. It was in perfect condition and capable of landing a big fish.

MOTOR RACING

Piquet set to return in Belgian Grand Prix

Nelson Piquet, of Brazil, has fully recovered from a 190mph crash two weeks ago and will take part in practice for this Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix, a spokeswoman for his Williams team said yesterday.

Piquet sat out the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola on May 3, after he suffered concussion and leg injuries in the crash during the opening practice session.

He had set the fastest practice time and was keen to race despite the crash, but doctors refused to give him a medical certificate to take part.

The spokeswoman said Piquet had resumed driving last week and would travel to Belgium with the rest of the team tomorrow.

"He is fine and has not had any ill effects from the concussion," she said. "The only thing he has is a little bit of pain from his bruised foot, but he will take part."

Court of Appeal

Law Report May 14 1987

Divisional Court

Benefits cuts from damages

Jackman v Corbett

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment May 13]

Section 2(1) of the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Act 1948 (as amended) exhaustively defined the amount which was to be deducted from damages for personal injuries on account of benefits received.

The Court of Appeal so held, in a reserved judgment, in dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Sebastian Anthony Corbett, of Rendcombe, Cirencester, from an award of damages by Mr Justice Swinton-Thomas to the plaintiff, Barry James Jackman, of Cricklade Street, Swindon.

Mr R. L. Denyer for the defendant; Mr J. G. Ross for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the case arose from a road accident in September 1980 when the plaintiff was riding a motor cycle and was struck by a car driven by the defendant and was badly hurt. The liability of the defendant was not in dispute. The issue related to two aspects of the computation of damages.

The plaintiff was born in 1945. He had not worked since the accident. The judge awarded him damages, comprising general damages (£30,000), loss of earnings to date of judgment (£15,699), special damages (£838) and loss of future earnings (£37,017).

If the plaintiff had continued in his employment his loss was at the rate of £83.75 a week, which was £4,355 a year.

It was contended by the defendant, however, that the continuing loss and part of the loss of earnings to the date of judgment should be reduced by reason of the receipt of invalidity benefit by the plaintiff at the rate of £46.35 a week.

The plaintiff was in receipt of that sum prior to the trial and would continue to receive it or other invalidity benefit for the time being.

The plaintiff's contention, however, was that no deduction should be made after the end of the five-year period referred to in section 2(1) of the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Act 1948, as amended by the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975 and the National Insurance Act 1971.

That enactment provided: "In an action for damages for personal injuries . . . there shall in assessing those damages be taken into account, against any loss of earnings or profits which has accrued or probably will accrue to the injured person from the injuries, one half of the value of any rights which have accrued or probably will accrue to him therefrom in respect of any of the following benefits under the Social Security Act 1975 . . . namely sickness benefit, invalidity benefit, non-contributory invalidity pension, injury benefit, disablement benefit for the five years beginning with the time when the cause of action accrued."

His Lordship read the provision as being comprehensive in relation to the deductions to be made in respect of receipts on account of the specified benefits.

The enactment contained no indication of any kind at all that the draftsman was either creating or preserving any right to a further deduction on account of the specified benefits.

It seemed that, as a matter of drafting, if the draftsman had contemplated that the resriction to one half was to operate in respect of the five-year period only and that thereafter there should be an unrestricted deduction operating under the common law, he would have introduced some words to ensure the wider deductibility. The language actually employed was, as a matter of ordinary English usage, inapt to achieve that.

Therefore, as a matter of consruction section 2(1) defined exhaustively the amount which was to be deducted on receipt of the specified benefits. The precise policy basis for that their Lordships did not know. Presumably it was just a compromise.

It was common ground that the construction which his Lordship had indicated was that which had been applied in practice since 1948: see *Palfrey v Greater London Council* ([1985] ICR 437, 441).

Among the authorities to the same effect were: *Eley v Bedford* ([1972] 1 QB 155, 158); *Haste v Sandell Perkins Ltd* ([1984] QB 735, 741); *Denman v Essex Health Authority* ([1984] QB 735, 742) and *Holtquist v Universal Pattern & Precision Engineering Co* (1960] 2 QB 467).

In the present case, the judge followed the decisions in the *Haste* and *Denman* cases and held that, after the expiration of the five-year period, no further deduction fell to be made. He was right in so deciding.

Lord Justice Stocker delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Hatchett Jones & Kidgell for Lyons Davidson, Bristol: Townsends, Swindon.

Visitorial powers used at discretion of visitor

Regina v Committee acting for the Visitor of the University of London, Ex parte Vijayatunga

Before Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment May 13]

It was not incumbent on the Committee of the Privy Council acting for the Visitor of the University of London to investigate complaints by a student and the university's answers in sufficient depth to satisfy the committee personally that the appointment of two professors as examiners was reasonable.

There was no mandatory prescription governing the mode of the exercise of visitorial powers. Those fell to be excercised in a variety of situations and their mode of exercise had necessarily to be left to the discretion of the visitor.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by Mrs J. Vijayatunga against the dismissal by the Visitor of London University of two petitions which challenged the university's refusal to award her the degree of doctor of philosophy in zoology.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Philip Engleman for Mrs Vijayatunga; Mr George Newman, QC and Miss Sally Hine for the university; Mr John Laws and Mr Robert Jay for the Privy Council.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said by Mrs Vijayantunga sought to challenge the dismissal by the Visitor of London University of two petitions which challenged the university's refusal to award her a PhD in zoology.

The university was governed by the University of London Act 1978 and the statutes set out in Schedule 2 to that Act. Section 6 of those provided that "Her Majesty in Council shall be the visitor of the University". By an Order in Council dated November 24, 1981 her Majesty referred the first petition to a Committee of the Privy Council for consideration and report. That committee also dealt with the applicant's second petition.

The committee reported that the first petition should be refused and dismissed the second petition for a re-hearing.

The applicant held honours degrees in science from the Universities of Reading and Salford. In September 1974 she became a research assistant to Professor R. P. Dales, head of the zoology department of the University of London. In October 1975 she registered as an internal student at Bedford College for the degree of doctor of philosophy in zoology, her supervisor being Professor Dales.

Over the next three to four years she prepared a thesis which she submitted. Shortly before she had completed her thesis she learnt that Professor Gahan and Professor Holt might be appointed as her examiners.

The applicant was unhappy about that choice, because she did not regard either of them as qualified to examine for a PhD in zoology.

She said and subsequently wrote that she had mentioned that to Mr Turnbull, the Registrar of Bedford College, and had then been told that Professor Dales had informed Mr Turnbull that those professors would not be her examiners.

On November 5, 1979 the applicant attended a *viva voce* conducted by Professor Gahan and Professor Holt as part of her examination.

When writing to the applicant on December 14, 1979 with the unexpected news that she had failed her PhD, the academic registrar informed her that she had been adjudged to have reached the standard required for the award of the degree of M.Phil and that it would be open to her to apply for that within two months.The applicant did not accept that offer.

On December 20, 1979 the applicant wrote to the vice-chancellor and applied for a re-examination. The prescribed procedure was for the appointment of a board of examiners and the regulations provided that their decision was final. She was re-examined in May 1980 and was again unsuccessful.

In November 1981, the applicant submitted a petition to the visitor seeking an opportunity of further re-examination or the award of the PhD.

The applicant's first petition was heard and dismissed and a second petition submitted for a re-hearing of her first petition was also dismissed.

There were three points on jurisdiction in the case with which it was necessary to deal:

1 The recent decision of the House of Lords in *Thomas v University of Bradford* ([1987] 2 WLR 677) was a landmark and of fundamental importance to the nature and scope of the authority exercised by visitors of foundations such as universities. The effect of their Lordships' decision was correctly summarised in the headnote to the report as follows:

"... that where the dispute related to the correct interpretation and fair administration of the domestic laws of the university, its statutes and its ordinances, it fell within the jurisdiction of the visitor and not the courts of law ... her claim fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of the visitor, subject to the supervisory jurisdiction of the High Court, and ... the court lacked jurisdiction in the first instance ...".

There was therefore no doubt as to the jurisdiction of the court to entertain the present case as a matter of principle.

2 His Lordship accepted the submission by Mr Laws that the visitorial jurisdiction exercised in the present case by virtue of the statutes scheduled to the University of London Act 1978 was analogous to subordinate legislative powers exercisable by order in council, which were susceptible to review by the courts on the ground of being *ultra vires*.

3 Finally there was no doubt *certiorari* would lie in the instant case given the modern system of judicial review introduced by Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and now found in section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

His Lordship rejected the argument that as it was incumbent on the committee to investigate the applicant's complaints and the university's answer in sufficient depth to satisfy the committee personally that the appointment of Professor Gahan and Professor Holt as examiners was reaonable, given the subject matter and nature of the applicant's thesis on the one hand and those examiners on the other.

His Lordship did not find any mandatory prescription governing the mode of the exercise of visitorial powers. Those fell to be exercised in an almost infinite variety of situations, and the mode of their exercise had necessarily to be left to the discretion of the visitor, provided he acted judicially.

The effect of the relevant statutes and regulations prescribed the procedures for the appointment of the examiners themselves. *Prima facie*, by enrolling as a candidate for a PhD at a particular university, the candidate accepted that his or her fitness for that degree would be judged by examiners appointed in accordance with the rules and academic practices of the chosen university.

For those reasons his Lordship could not accept that the committee in the present case was bound to investigate the applicant's grievances to the extent of satisfying itself directly that the appointment of those particular examiners was not unreasonable in the circumstances.

Mr Justice Simon Brown delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Davis Walker; Clifford Chance: Treasury Solicitor.

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Starkey can excel again on Hallgate

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Greville Starkey should be the jockey to follow at York today when he looks like enjoying a particularly profitable afternoon by winning the two group races on **Hallgate** (2.35) and **Phardante** (4.10).

Hallgate, my selection for the Duke of York Stakes, has never looked the easiest of rides. But Starkey revels in such a challenge. Racing for the first time this season, as well as for his new trainer Alan Bailey, Hallgate ran out an impressive winner of the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket on 2,000 Guineas day in Starkey's hands.

Although they only beat handicappers in the main that day, the race clearly showed that Hallgate was on the right course to make a serious bid for this season's sprint championship. In contrast, Gwydion, a rival of old, was rather disappointing in ninth place, five lengths behind.

Gwydion finished only a neck behind Hallgate in the Diadem Stakes at Ascot in September when she wore a visor. She did not wear one at Newmarket but significantly she is so adorned again today. Therefore, on 8lb better terms, she has a good chance, in theory at any rate, of getting her revenge if only she can summon her best.

When Phardante contests the Yorkshire Cup, he will renew rivalry with not only Chaumiere, Kazaroun and Verd-Antique, the three who finished directly behind him in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket recently, but also Valuable Witness who beat him by a head in the Jockey Club Cup there last autumn. Unless rain comes down in buckets beforehand, the conditions will favour Phardante this time.

The draw for rides in the Lanson Ladies International Challenge appears to have favoured the Rest of Europe team with Ludovica Bruno on the recent Doncaster winner Samhaan, Nadine Heymans aboard the easy Kempton winner **Running Flush** and Ghislaine Lecomte on Taylormade Boy, whose most recent run behind Red Russell at Newcastle augured well.

If allowed to adopt a front-running role, Taylormade Boy will take a lot of catching. However, I still just prefer Running Flush.

The Norwest Holst Trophy can go to **Kristal Rock** whose most recent run at Chester last week can be ignored because he was virtually pulled up in the straight after his bit had slipped through his mouth on the last bend.

Before that he had beaten the useful River Loch at Newcastle. River Loch also ran in that same race at Chester and finished second to On Tap. To my way of thinking, Kristal Rock is not badly handicapped now with only 7st 13lb to carry.

Following that convincing win at Nottingham first time out, **Canango** is napped to win the Scarborough Handicap. "He's been working like a train recently and I like him a lot," was Our Newmarket Correspondent George Robinson's up-to-date report about Canango yesterday.

My feelings are exactly the same now that this Michael Stoute-trained colt appears to have got his act together this spring after two quite promising performances at Ascot and Doncaster last autumn.

After riding Canango, Walter Swinburn will be one of a handful of jockeys flying to Sandown to take part in the St John and British Red Cross charity evening.

Neshad, an emphatic winner over the course and distance already this season, can make his journey worthwhile by taking the Wates Building Group Stakes at the expense of Tahilla.

Finally the News International Stakes should be won by **Tom Forrester** who had no luck at all in running at Lingfield last Friday when he was beaten only half a length by Wizzard Magic in a similar race.

Reference Point gallops his York rivals into the ground

By Michael Seely

The winds of fame continued to blow strongly for Henry Cecil at York yesterday. Galloping on relentlessly up the Knavesmire straight, Reference Point beat Ascot Knight and Persifleur in the Mecca-Dante Stakes and is now top quoted at 7-4 to give the six-times champion trainer and Steve Cauthen their second triumph in the Derby at Epsom on June 3.

"He's an out and out galloper," said Cauthen afterwards. "he likes to grind them into the ground just like Slip Anchor. The main difference is that Slip Anchor used to show us what he could do at home, but this fellow is so lazy."

What an enviable position Cauthen is in as he now contemplates his choice of Epsom mounts between Reference Point and Legal Bid. Warren Place's winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial. "They're both good horses," he said with a smile, "but I'll have to decide as soon as possible and I shouldn't have too much difficulty in making up my mind."

It was certainly an emotional moment for Cecil after nursing Reference Point through his five-week illness earlier in the year. "That was very good," he said after winning the trial for the sixth time. "And Reference Point will be a lot better for this race."

An equally-moved Louis Freedman, Reference Point's owner-breeder, said afterwards:



Steve Cauthen: rode inspired race on Reference Point

"We are all mourning the loss of the great Sir Noel Murless but Henry Cecil is also a genius."

Cauthen had ridden an inspired race on the winner, dictating the gallop from the front of the field. "I wanted to let him stretch his rivals," said this marvellous ambassador for the sport. "But I also wanted to give him as easy a time as possible. I gave him a backhander over a furlong from home but even when Walter Swinburn got to my girths I still thought I'd win."

The well-fancied Deputy Governor dropped back beaten half-way up the straight just as Swinburn sent Ascot Knight through to deliver his prolonged challenge. The runner-up also covered himself with glory and is to renew rivalry at Epsom. Reference Point eventually won by a length with Persifleur 2½ lengths away third.

"We've got to go for the Derby now," said Michael Stoute. "That was a fine performance for a horse so lacking in racing experience. But I'm not committing myself about Ajdal until he's run in Ireland on Saturday."

Patrick Biancone, the trainer of Persifleur, was in a typically belligerent mood afterwards. "Reference Point is good but he's not unbeatable," said the Napoleon of Lamorlaye. He then uttered the time-honoured trainer's remark. "I've got three at home better than Persifleur. One of them, Lasceaux, runs in the Prix Jean de Chaudenay at Saint-Cloud on Saturday."

The conclusion must be that Reference Point undoubtedly consolidated his position as favourite for the Derby, but that current odds of 7-4 are far too cramped.

Cecil and Cauthen continued in invincible form throughout the afternoon, the triumphant pair landing a treble with Nom De Plume, Reference Point and Gun Rule, who is now bound for Royal Ascot's Jersey Stakes after taking the Wilkinson Memorial Stakes.

Michael Jarvis, another trainer on a hot streak, had his third winner since Saturday when Bruce Raymond rode Pasticcio to a decisive win over Red Russell in the Holsten Pils Stakes.

"He was unlucky when fifth to Dallas in last year's Cambridgeshire," Jarvis said. "If the handicapper gives us a chance, I'd like to go for the Royal Hunt Cup. Pasticcio loves fast going, an uphill finish and a straight mile."

Stewards give French seven-day suspension

Glenn French was suspended for seven days and his mount, Segovian, disqualified after the combination had passed the post first in the Websters Yorkshire Bitter Handicap at Brighton yesterday.

Segovian, who sprang a 33-1 surprise at the seaside track just over a fortnight ago, was made 6-4 favourite on his return and led virtually all the way for what appeared another comfortable success.

When a stewards' inquiry was announced, most spectators thought it concerned the fact that Segovian had moved across to the rail just after going clear inside the last quarter mile. That incident, however, made no difference, and bookmakers offered 10-1 against the runner-up, Martian Melody, getting the race.

The problem was revealed by the camera patrol which showed that, after breaking smartly, Segovian, drawn nine, crossed over to the rail much too sharply, causing congestion behind him in which the worst sufferers were King Krimson and Starsign.

The stewards had no alternative but to disqualify Segovian and suspend French from May 22 to 28. The disqualification was also a blow to Segovian's trainer, Bill Wightman, who would have been pleased to get yesterday's race in the bag as Segovian has gone up 18lb in future handicaps.

Interval takes on Miesque

Interval, third to Miesque in the General Accident 1,000 Guineas, will renew rivalry with her Newmarket conqueror in the Prix d'Essai des Poulichos (French 1,000 Guineas) at Longchamp on Sunday (Michael Seely writes).

Jeremy Tree, Interval's trainer, said at York yesterday: "I decided to go to France instead of Ireland. It's an easier track than the Curragh and the going is reported to be soft."

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Canon Law.	2.00 —
2.35 Hallgate.	2.35 Hallgate.
3.05 Kristal Rock.	3.05 KRISTAL ROCK (nap).
3.40 Running Flush.	3.40 Samhaan.
4.10 Phardante.	4.10 Kazaroun.
4.45 CANANGO (nap).	4.45 Canango.
5.15 Bali Magic.	5.15 Pillar Of Wisdom.

By Michael Seely

2.35 HALLGATE (nap). 3.05 Kristal Rock. 4.10 Verd-Antique.

Going: good to firm **Draw: low numbers best**

2.0 YORKSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,096: 5f) (4 runners)

101	(3)	2	CANON LAW 8 (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 9-0	J Bleasdale	● 99
102	(2)		FASHION TREND (Elsie Whiteley Ltd) M H Easterby 9-0	K Hodgson	—
103	(1)		KAFU WARRIOR (E Hutchison) C Tinkler 9-0	M Wood	—
104	(4)		OAKWORTH (S Heggas) J Watts 9-0	S Cauthen	—

BETTING: Evens Canon Law, 3-1 Oakworth, 7-2 Kafu Warrior, 6-1 Fashion Trend.

1986: SAMEEK 9-0 W Carson (6-5 fav) R Armstrong 10 ran

FORM CANON LAW (9-0) looked potentially useful on debut taking it up at the furlong pole and only being caught on the line when a short head 2nd to Border Guard (9-0) at Chester (5f Mdn, £2245, firm, May 6, 8 ran).

FASHION TREND (Foaled: Apr 25) is bred to be a sprinter by Lochnagar, a very strong influence for speed, out of an unraced Hot Spark (another sire of sprinters) mare.

KAFU WARRIOR (Foaled: Mar 19, Cost: 10,000 gns) is from Kafu's first crop which from limited representation has made a good impact so far. Dam needed middle distances so any speed will have been imparted by the sire who was a fast juvenile.

OAKWORTH (Foaled: Apr 13, Cost: £55,000) looks the most attractively bred of the unraced runners, out of a dam who was a decent sprinter and has produced a good performer in the USA by Sharpen Up. The sire is responsible for the useful Rashia and Al Bashaama.

Selection: CANON LAW

2.35 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group III: £18,495: 6f) (9 runners) C 4

201	(2)	31213-1	HALLGATE 12 (CD,F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-9-8	G Starkey	94
202	(3)	11110-0	TINTEROSSE 12 (D,G) (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 4-9-8	W R Swinburn	80
203	(7)	10002-1	BOLLIN KNIGHT 33 (D,G,S) (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-9-0	W Carson	92
204	(1)	11000-1	GOVERNOR GENERAL 30 (CD,F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-0	B Rouse	91
205	(5)	2/0311-3	HANDSOME SAILOR 30 (CD,BF,FS) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-0	C Asmussen	78
206	(4)	22301-2	BUTSOVA 24 (D,G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-11	Pat Eddery	83
207	(8)	20321-0	GWYDION 12 (V,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs M Narchos) H Cecil 4-8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
210	(6)	133010-	AMIGO SUCIO 215 (B,D,G,S) (J Li) K Brassey 3-8-9	J Reid	75
211	(9)	3110-0	CUTTING BLADE 29 (D,F) (M Fustok) L Piggott 3-8-5	T Ives	77

BETTING: 7-4 Hallgate, 3-1 Gwydion, 11-2 Governor General, 6-1 Bollin Knight, 10-1 Cutting Blade, Handsome Sailor, 14-1 Amigo Sucio, 16-1 Butsova, 20-1 Tinterosse.

1986: GREY DESIRE 6-9-0 K Darley 4-1 M Brittain 10 ran

FORM HALLGATE (8-12) made a winning reappearance when beating Clantime (8-12) a length at Newmarket (5f, £18585, good, May 2, 18 ran), a race in which GWYDION (8-9) was a disappointing 9th and TINTEROSSE (9-2) was even further behind.

On penultimate start of last season HALLGATE (8-12) got up close home to beat GWYDION (8-9) a neck, with TINTEROSSE (9-2) again behind, at Ascot (6f, £18620, good to firm, Sep 27, 12 ran).

Soft ground lover BOLLIN KNIGHT (10-0) had conditions in his favour when beating Gods Lane (9-7) an easy 6l at Thirsk (6f, £8413, soft, Apr 11, 8 ran).

GOVERNOR GENERAL (9-5) stayed on in good style to beat Que Sympatica (9-3) 3l, with HANDSOME SAILOR (9-6) another 2l back in 3rd at Newmarket (6f, £9380, good, Apr 14, 12 ran).

On final outing of last season GWYDION (8-12) had BUTSOVA (8-3) 1¾l behind in 3rd when winning at Newmarket (5f, £9115, good, Oct 18, 10 ran).

Best effort from CUTTING BLADE (8-11) is a short head defeat of Potemos (8-11) at Royal Ascot (6f, £24928, firm, Jun 17, 19 ran) with AMIGO SUCIO (8-11) another short head away in 3rd.

Selection: GWYDION

3.5 NORWEST HOLST TROPHY (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £12,271: 7f) (14 runners) C 4

301	(9)	2020-10	DARLEY KNIGHT 33 (C,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-7	W Carson	80
302	(2)	110	LOCHIVOR 13 (D,BF,S) (H Key) M H Easterby 8-9	S Cauthen	80
304	(13)	0100-04	HARD ACT 7 (D,F,G) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery	96
305	(11)	1010-40	CROFTER'S CLINE 29 (C,F,G) (D Beresford) Capt J Wilson 8-4	T Ives	95
306	(6)	1322-0	HIS HIGHNESS 45 (D,F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-4	G Baxter	92
307	(4)	03-10	KRISTAL ROCK 8 (D,G) (Mrs V Hue-Williams) H Cecil 7-13	W Ryan	89
308	(7)	1000-	MACROBIAN 239 (F) (Miss E Macgregor) J Shaw 7-13	Paul Eddery	91
311	(3)	4320-30	PLAGUE O'RATS 30 (F) (R Hesketh) M Smyly 7-10	S Dawson	95
312	(6)	1230-	NORGABIE 236 (F) (F Goulandris) P Calver 7-8	M Fry	91
313	(1)	1130-00	EINSTEIN 21 (F,G) (Mrs M Burnside) M Camacho 7-8	J Lowe	86
314	(12)	0031-23	COLWAY RALLY 13 (F) (R Coleman) J Watts 7-7	L Charnock	● 99
315	(14)	1040-	COUNT TREVISIO 279 (S) (M Hartley) R Sheather 7-7	A Mackay	85
316	(5)	01314-0	KILVARNET 7 (G,S) (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 7-7	A Culhane (5)	82
318	(10)	330-100	TAUBER 12 (S) (Mrs C Read) Pat Mitchell 7-7	R Fox	87

BETTING: 11-4 Kristal Rock, 5-1 Colway Rally, 6-1 Hard Act, His Highness, 8-1 Crofter's Cline, Darley Knight, Plague O'Rats, 10-1 Kilvarnet, 12-1 others.

1986: FLEET FORM 9-4 J Reid (6-1) C Nelson 13 ran

FORM DARLEY KNIGHT (9-0) outclassed behind Risk Me (9-0) at Newbury (7f, heavy) last time; previously (8-7) not fully extended, to beat Viva Ronda (8-4) 4l at Folkestone (6f, £684, heavy, Mar 30, 12 ran).

KRISTAL ROCK (9-0) best judged on seasonal debut when beating River Loch (9-0) ½l at Newcastle (7f, £1669, good, Apr 20, 20 ran).

MACROBIAN was well beaten by high class performers on final three starts last season, on debut (8-0) beat Able Saint (8-0) a length, with TAUBER (9-0) another length away 3rd at Newmarket (6f, £3606, good to firm, Aug 6, 10 ran).

NORGABIE (8-8) not disgraced when 3¼l 5th to Linda's Magic (8-8) at Ayr (6f, £8855, firm, Sep 20, 13 ran).

On penultimate start COLWAY RALLY (9-0) put in good effort when 2½ 2nd to Irish Sailor (8-12), with PLAGUE O'RATS (9-5) out of the first nine at Newmarket (7f, £5072, good, Apr 14, 15 ran).

Previously PLAGUE O'RATS (8-9) showed better form when ¾l 3rd to Mulhollande (8-8) at Leicester (7f, £4425, soft, Mar 30, 7 ran) a race in which HIS HIGHNESS (8-12) was another 5½l behind in 6th.

HIS HIGHNESS is better judged on final outing of last season when (9-7) 3l 2nd to Spy Tower (7-7) in a Listed event at Baden-Baden (1m 2f, £5650, good, Sep 5, 11 ran).

Selection: COLWAY RALLY

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Dunlop	34	106	32.1
H Cecil	27	86	31.4
J Tree	20	82	24.4
W R Hern	25	116	22.0
P Cole	9	47	19.1
G Wragg	13	69	18.8

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	55	269	20.4
W Carson	58	286	20.3
S Cauthen	45	279	16.1
W R Swinburn	22	148	14.9
T Ives	19	159	11.9
G Baxter	11	96	11.5

3.40 LANSON LADIES INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE (Limited Handicap: Amateurs: £5,126: 1m 1f) (12 runners) C 4

401	(6)	200-303	JAZETAS 9 (G,S) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 4-10-7	Mazine Juster	87
402	(4)	1131-40	BLENDERS CHOICE 24 (F) (M O'Connor) J King 5-10-4	Kelly Marks	91
403	(9)	020-031	SAMHAAN 10 (B,F,S) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 5-10-4 (7ex)	Ludovica Bruno	87
404	(1)	300-210	VAGUE MELODY 10 (D,F,G) (A Simmons) L Piggott 5-10-0	Brooke Sanders	86
405	(3)	10400-1	RUNNING FLUSH 10 (V,F,G,S) (N Capon) P Harris 5-9-12 (4ex)	Nadine Heymans	● 99
406	(2)	000200-	ROCKMARTIN 253 (G) (M D M Racing Ltd) C Thornton 5-9-11	Carolyn Eddery	90
407	(7)	0100-03	TAYLORMADE BOY 24 (F,G,S) (B Robson) Denys Smith 4-9-6	Ghislaine Lecomte	91
408	(10)	002-000	PRINCE MERANDI 8 (G,S) (Merandi Bloodstock) M Francis 4-9-5	Jennie Goulding	90
409	(5)	110-003	HONEST TOIL 10 (D,G,S) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 4-9-5	Maria Hallring	98
410	(8)	00/030-3	SMILING BEAR 33 (M Epstein) W Hastings-Bass 4-9-4	Dana Mellor	94
411	(12)	100130-	IKTIYAR 243 (F) (S Tindall) S Mellor 5-9-1	Regina Molenda	87
412	(11)	000-420	MOORES METAL 9 (G) (Moores) R Hollinshead 7-9-0	Marie Louise Olivefalk	93
RESERVES:					
413	(-)	1300-00	AL SHAMIKH 26 (F) (C Barber-Lomax) C Elsey 4-9-0	—	98
414	(-)	341-403	PRIME NUMBER 10 (BF,G) (F Jenkins) P Cole 4-9-0	—	89

BETTING: 100-30 Samhaan, 11-2 Running Flush, 6-1 Jazetas, Taylormade Boy, 15-2 Smiling Bear, Vague Melody, 8-1 Honest Toil, Iktiyar, 10-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM JAZETAS (9-5) finished best of all when ¾l 3rd to Mill Plantation (9-1) at Chester (1m 2f, £3745, firm, May 5, 7 ran).

SAMHAAN (8-9) stayed on in game style to beat Plymouth Hoe (8-10) ¾l, with HONEST TOIL (8-6) another ¾l behind in 3rd at Doncaster (1m 2f, £3948, good to firm, May 4, 8 ran).

Previously SAMHAAN (8-0) finished 1¾l 3rd to Stangi Van (8-3) at Kempton (1m 2f, good) with BLENDERS CHOICE (8-11) out of the first 8.

Earlier BLENDERS CHOICE (10-11) an easy 8l winner from Madaman (11-7), with IKTIYAR (10-9) a further head away 3rd and RUNNING FLUSH (10-10) another 8l behind in 4th at Goodwood (1m 2f, £3831, good to firm, Aug 23, 9 ran).

RUNNING FLUSH (9-3) made a winning reappearance when beating Abutammam (9-7) 4l at Kempton (1m 2f, £2897, firm, May 4, 17 ran) a race in which VAGUE MELODY (9-8) was back in 7th.

TAYLORMADE BOY (8-12) ran on one pace when 3l 3rd to Red Russell (8-12) at Newcastle (1m, £3116, good, Apr 20, 7 ran).

IKTIYAR (9-9) is best judged on a 1¼l beaten of Mr Jay-Zee (10-0) at Newmarket (1m, £2649, good to firm, Aug 9, 10 ran).

MOORES METAL (8-10) best judged on penultimate start when a neck 2nd to Gouverno (7-10) at Wolverhampton (1m, £1867, soft, Apr 14, 17 ran).

Selection: BLENDERS CHOICE

4.10 YORKSHIRE CUP (Group II: £25,389: 1m 6f) (7 runners) C 4

501	(4)	3402-01	PHARDANTE 13 (F,G) (S Karmel) G Harwood 5-9-0	G Starkey	94
502	(7)	11/1113-	VALUABLE WITNESS 200 (CD,F,G,S) (S Niarchos) J Tree 7-8-12	Pat Eddery	95
504	(6)	300-032	CHAUMIERE 13 (V,C,F) (C Booth) R Williams 6-8-9	T Ives	94
505	(5)	04122-4	HAUWMAL 20 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 4-8-9	W Carson	79
507	(3)	10/310-3	KAZAROUN 13 (D,F,S) (E Sacchetti) M Stoute 5-8-9	W R Swinburn	94
509	(2)	030-003	MISTER BIG LOUIE 17 (J Lundy) P Biancone (Fr) 4-8-9	A Cruz	—
510	(1)	1212-4	VERD-ANTIQUE 13 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-9	S Cauthen	● 99

● Valuable Witness will only run if there is some give in the ground

BETTING: 9-4 Verd-Antique, 5-2 Phardante, 7-2 Valuable Witness, 6-1 Kazaroun, 8-1 Chaumiere, Mister Big Louie, 12-1 Hauwmal.

1986: EASTERN MYSTIC 4-8-9 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

FORM VALUABLE WITNESS (9-5) beat PHARDANTE (9-7) a short head in a the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket (2m 24y, £18884, good to firm, Oct 2, 4 ran).

PHARDANTE could not be properly covered up on that occasion and showed better form last time when (8-12) coming very late to beat CHAUMIERE (8-7) 1½ going away with KAZAROUN (8-7), needing the race, a head further away 3rd and VERD-ANTIQUE (8-7), a one paced, ½l back in 4th in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, £24478, good to firm, 7 ran).

KAZAROUN has been lightly raced in recent years due to training setbacks but produced an excellent performance (9-3) to beat Highland Chieftain (8-10) and Bakharoff (8-10) 2l and ½l in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, £17750, good to firm, Sep 25, 4 ran).

VERD-ANTIQUE may also be better than he showed on reappearance judging by (8-11) a 5l defeat of Khozdar (8-11) with CHAUMIERE (9-5) ½l further back in 3rd at Newmarket (1m 4f, £6243, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran).

Selection: KAZAROUN

4.45 SCARBROUGH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,136: 6f) (16 runners)

601	(11)	110-	GALLANT GALLOIS 202 (C,F) (J Ackam) C Tinkler 9-7	R Hills	88
602	(1)	1201-0	AFRICAN SPIRIT 9 (D,F,S) (B Haggas) M Prescott 9-5	G Duffield	87
603	(15)	43-1	CANANGO 24 (D,G) (Mrs A Pitacchi) M Stoute 9-2	W R Swinburn	89
605	(4)	0221-30	KNOCKIN' EXPRESS 13 (D,G) (W Joyce) G Huffer 8-10	Pat Eddery	88
606	(2)	012-3	PAPARELLI 33 (BF,G) (C Webster) T Barron 8-9	D Nicholls	89
607	(14)	22211-	CHORITZO 213 (D,F) (C Wright) R Williams 8-8	R Cochrane	● 99
608	(13)	011-0	ANOTHER GUEST 12 (F,S) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 8-8	A Shoults (3)	92
609	(3)	140421-	SANDALL PARK 188 (F,G) (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 8-6	T Lucas	97
610	(7)	412210-	SPANISH SLIPPER 217 (B,D,F,G) (W Haigh) W Haigh 8-5	T Ives	94
612	(5)	31001-	NORAPA 217 (CD,F,G) (A Wragg) M Brittain 8-4	P Robinson	98
613	(16)	030-40	PROSPECT PLACE 5 (BF) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-3	L Charnock	87
615	(12)	04200-4	CLOWN STREAKER 9 (D,F,S) (M H Easterby) M H Easterby 7-13	J Lowe	90
616	(8)	222-442	SILVER HAZE 9 (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 7-11	R Fox	97
617	(6)	01304-3	DANCING BELLE 10 (F) (C H Newton Jnr Ltd) T Fairhurst 7-9	J Quinn (5)	96
618	(10)	03-212	GOTHIC FORD 7 (S) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 7-8	W Carson	98
619	(9)	00220-3	SKY CAT 9 (R Whalley) Capt J Wilson 7-7	Julie Bowker (7)	93

BETTING: 9-2 Canango, 5-1 Chorritzo, 11-2 Silver Haze, 6-1 Gothic Ford, Sky Cat, 8-1 Dancing Belle, 9-1 Norapa, Paparelli, 10-1 Sandall Park 12-1 others.

1986: ELNAWAAGI 9-7 A Murray 10-1 H Thomson Jones 9 ran

FORM CANANGO, representing Michael Stoute, quickened impressively on reappearance (9-0) when beating the subsequently disappointing Picnicmg (8-11) 1½l in a Nottingham maiden (6f, £1333, good, Apr 20, 13 ran).

PAPARELLI despite being joint favourite was staying on as if needing an extra furlong when (9-3) 8½) 3rd to Bluemede (8-11) at Thirsk (5f, £2561, soft, Apr 11, 12 ran).

CHORITZO won well at Brighton in maiden contest, on penultimate start made all to win in good style (9-0) by 2½l from Zuastrah (8-8) at Pontefract (6f, £2078, firm, Oct 13, 8 ran) on latest start.

SILVER HAZE may have problems confirming placings (9-3) with SKY CAT (8-10) who he beat a neck into 3rd when a head 2nd to Afrabela (8-11) with CLOWN STREAKER (9-3) 1½ further away 4th at Redcar (6f, £2813, firm, May 5, 13 ran).

DANCING BELLE broke slowly but ran up to best on reappearance when (7-10) 3½l 3rd to Penon (9-13) at Doncaster (5f, £3941, good to firm, May 4, 9 ran).

GOTHIC FORD was all out to win an Edinburgh maiden and may have followed up last time but for an interrupted run when (7-7) a neck 2nd to Eight Mile Rock (7-7) at Chepstow (7f, £3902, firm, May 7, 8 ran).

Selection: CANANGO

5.15 GLASGOW GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O C & G: £4,110: 1m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	(7)	210-0	BALI MAGIC 33 (F) (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-3	Pat Eddery	● 99
2	(5)	01-0	PILLAR OF WISDOM 18 (S) (E Seltzer) O Douseb 9-3	S Cauthen	92
3	(4)	01	FORCING BID 9 (F) (Col W Behrens) W Elsey 9-0	J Lowe	89
4	(1)	1	ISLEBECK 23 (F) (L Holliday) H Candy 9-0	W Newnes	86
6	(6)	00	ALBACORE 14 (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-10	W Carson	92
9	(2)	4	LIONS GATE 9 (BF) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-10	C Asmussen	—
11	(3)		YOUNG COMMANDER (R Ogden) J Hanson 8-7	J H Brown	—

● Pillar Of Wisdom will only run if there is some give in the ground

BETTING: 9-4 Pillar Of Wisdom, 7-2 Bali Magic, Lions Gate, 6-1 Isleback, 8-1 Forcing Bid, 10-1 Albacore, 25-1 Young Commander.

1986: KADIAL 8-10 S Cauthen (4-1) R Johnson Houghton 10 ran

FORM BALI MAGIC was well below best juvenile form on reappearance but has very strong claims here if reproducing a (9-0) 3l 5th to Don't Forget Me (9-0) at Doncaster in the Champagne Stakes (7f, £36108, good, Sep 12, 9 ran).

PILLAR OF WISDOM disappointed in France last time but drops down in class today and could be useful if fulfilling the promise of (8-9) a 3l defeat of Our Account (8-9) at Newmarket last season (1m, £4099, good to soft, Oct 31, 15 ran).

Barry Hills thinks a lot of LIONS GATE who bolted before the start on debut when (8-12) 11l 4th to Kirpan (8-12) at Chester (1m 2f, £3226, firm, May 5, 5 ran).

Selection: PILLAR OF WISDOM

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.15 Fire Top.	6.15 Plantation.
6.45 Tom Forrester.	6.45 Bath.
7.15 Trapeze Artist.	7.15 All Is Revealed.
7.45 Father Time.	7.45 Father Time.
8.15 Neshad.	8.15 Neshad.
8.45 Kerali.	8.45 Hold Dear.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.45 GREEN'S PICTURE.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

6.15 WILLIS, FABER & DUMAS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 2,712: 5f) (8 runners)

2	(8)	0	CHAN FU 10 (R Diley) R Akehurst 9-0	T Williams	—
3	(2)	3	FIRE TOP 19 (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	● 99
4	(6)		LAPIERRE (Mrs J Khan) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	—
5	(7)		LOVE LEGEND (Exors the late T S Smith) D Arbuthnot 9-0	—	—
6	(5)		PLANTATION (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	A Kimberley	—
7	(1)		ROWLANDSONS GEMS (Rowlandsons Ltd) A Ingham 9-0	R Curant	—
8	(3)	00	ROYAL DARTMOUTH 19 (Axminster Carpets Ltd) L Cottrell 9-0	J Reid	—
13	(4)	2	VALROSA LADY 7 (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 8-9	A McGlone	96

BETTING: 7-4 Plantation, 11-4 Fire Top, 4-1 Valrosa Lady, 8-1 Laperre, 15-1 Love Legend, 20-1 Rowlandsons Gem, Royal Dartmouth, 25-1 Chan Fu.

1986: WHIPPET 9-0 P Robinson (7-1) C Brittain 8 ran

6.45 NEWS INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (£3,241: 1m) (10 runners)

1	(4)	0100-00	FLYHOME 10 (CD,F,G) (C Southgate) P Cundell 6-9-10	N Adams	91
3	(10)	33332-0	HYMN OF HARLECH 41 (F,G) (Mrs C Wilkins) D Elsworth 4-9-6	A McGlone	92
4	(2)	00410-0	SUPER PUNK 10 (F) (Mrs J Maxwell) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-5	C Rutter (3)	92
5	(7)	41000-3	BOWL OVER 17 (B,D,BF,G,S) (A Hobbs) P Makin 4-9-1	T Quinn	92
7	(5)	00/000-0	GRUMBLE 9 (G,S) (D Lucie-Smith) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-9	R Perham (7)	87
9	(9)	304-020	HEAD OF SCHOOL 10 (R Ashdown) Pat Mitchell 4-8-4	J Reid	94
11	(1)	000-012	TOM FORRESTER 8 (G,S) (P Jubert) R Akehurst 6-8-1	A Clark	●99
12	(3)	240-000	GIVING IT ALL AWAY 8 (CD,BF,F) (R Dalrey) H Beasley 4-7-13	J Williams	95
13	(6)	004210-	BATH 251 (D,S) (Lady Aitken) J Toller 4-7-12	G Carter	90
14	(8)	3000-	NEEDLE SHARP 223 (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 4-7-9	G French	94

BETTING: 3-1 Bowl Over, 9-2 Super Punk, 6-1 Needle Sharp, 7-1 Tom Forrester, 10-1 Bath, Head Of School 12-1 Giving It All Away, Flyhome, Hymn Of Harlech, 33-1 Grumble.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

7.15 RACING POST HANDICAP (£3,350: 1m 6f) (11 runners)

4	(3)	100010-	MIGHTY FLASH 210 (F,S) (Mrs V Tory) D Elsworth 4-9-7	B Rouse	● 99
5	(9)	4/020-43	ILE DE ROI 20 (L Holliday) H Candy 4-9-6	T Williams	95
6	(8)	0000-12	TRAPEZE ARTIST 20 (CD,BF,F,G) (Immrgroup) N Vigors 6-9-6	S Dawson	95
7	(11)	0123-44	FRANCHISE 10 (F) (Mrs J A de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-4	J Reid	95
10	(2)	000-144	MILTON BURN 9 (CD,F,G,S) (A Richards) H O Neill 6-8-11	S Whitworth	96
11	(5)	00440-1	STEP IN TIME 9 (F) (M Wenfeld) P Makin 4-8-8 (5ex)	C Rutter (3)	97
15	(1)	00000-0	ALL IS REVEALED 14 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs I Normand) D Thom 5-8-0	M Roberts	95
16	(4)	000-040	OWEN'S PRIDE 23 (S) (Venture Chem Prod Ltd) R Akehurst 5-7-12	N Adams

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FOOTBALL: MEDICAL BULLETINS KEEP THE FA CUP FINALISTS ON EDGE

Coventry waiting in suspense

By Clive White

Coventry City, cosseted deep in the Dorset countryside of their Wembley hideaway, were last night anxiously awaiting the decisions of two medical specialists that would affect the physical and mental well-being of their FA Cup Final team to face Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

Steve Ogrizovic, their giant goalkeeper with outsize talent to match, yesterday made a 320-mile round trip in the hope that his pre-match nerves, not to mention those of his team-mates, would be lessened by the decision of a Coventry hospital to induce his pregnant wife, Carolyn, who is nine days overdue. And today another medical opinion will determine whether Brian Borrows or Mickey Gynn climbs those legendary steps at Wembley Stadium to collect an FA Cup Final medal.

Borrows's hopes of playing improved yesterday when it was learned that the swelling around the knee ligaments which he tore against Southampton on Saturday had gone down and movement improved. "He now has a 45-55 chance of playing. It's looking as though it's going the right way. We'll be happy with 90 per cent fitness." John Sillett, the Coventry coach said. Should Borrows's rate of recovery be insufficient, Phillips, the midfield player, will fill in at right back where he has played for Wales, and Gynn, outstanding in recent games, will come into midfield.

In answer to criticism that he might have rested more players during a hectic conclusion to their League programme of five games in 10 days, Sillett, an inspirational and jovial figure, answered: "I asked if anyone had a slight knock and wanted a rest but everyone wanted to play. They deserve credit for sustaining their form right up to the final. It's been better than Tottenham's, even though they are the favourites."

Borrows, for some Coventry players, epitomizes their newfound confidence. His fellow full back, Downs, rates him as the most skilful in the country. Coincidentally, the one game he has missed this season was against Tottenham in that classic encounter at Christmas when Coventry won 4-3.

Sillett conceded that the roles of the full-backs would be crucial, hopefully pushing into that midfield area where it is generally accepted Tottenham own the freehold. Conveniently for Coventry, Liverpool fielded a five-man midfield, like Tottenham's, just recently at Highfield Road and Sillett was impressed by how his full-backs automatically adapted to the extra demands. Coventry won that game too.

Sillett has the utmost respect for the Tottenham quintet. "Each one offers a different threat. We can't afford to let them have the run of the pitch otherwise they'll destroy us." But if McGrath can get to grips with Hoddle, Sillett forsees a midfield senario in which the decisive figure could be Pickering, the former Sunderland favourite whose career, like so many others, has been revitalized by being sent to Coventry.

● Coventry City are to make the timely offer today of a new three-year contract to Cyrille Regis in recognition of his part in the club's revival this season.



Dual command: John Sillett (left) and George Curtis, the men behind Coventry's resurgence (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Bremner restates his opposition to the play-offs

By Ian Ross

Billy Bremner, the Leeds United manager, has reaffirmed his opposition to the play-off system, even though its introduction could bring about the end of his club's five-year absence from the first division.

Bremner, the man who captained the famous Leeds side of the late 1960s and early 1970s, and who has masterminded the Yorkshire club's revival since taking over from Eddie Gray, his former team-mate, is adamant that Oldham Athletic — the club Leeds face at Elland Road tonight in the semi-final, first leg of the play-offs — should have been awarded instant promotion.

"Oldham finished third and at this point last season would have been celebrating promotion. I feel very sorry for Joe Royle and his players because they have worked hard for what should have been their right, a place in first division," he said.

"I believe the system to be unfair because we could have had a situation where the third placed club finished 14 or 15 points in front of the fourth placed club and yet still found themselves included in this knockout. Obviously we are delighted to be involved, but if I was managing Oldham, I would be a frustrated and disappointed man," he added.

Although Leeds are favourites to defeat Oldham and move forward to face either Charlton Athletic or Ipswich Town for the last remaining place in the first division, Bremner, who led his side to the FA Cup semi-finals this season, refuses to accept that a return to the top flight is assured.

"You don't deserve anything at all in football. Leeds United are a big and famous club with a great history, but that does not mean you have a divine right to be successful. Everything we have achieved so far we have worked for.

"Our only aim since the season started was to gain promotion. We are now very close to a return but we were close in the FA Cup, and will not be walking out at Wembley on Saturday. Whatever happens over the next week or so, I believe we have had a good season.

"These play-offs are going to be very tense affairs. They will be rather like two-leg European ties, which are something I experienced a great deal during my playing days with the club, but which are new to the present side."

Bremner also dismissed rumours that John Sheridan, the highly-rated midfield player who has been linked with Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur, would be leaving the club during the summer.

"There is no problem at all on that particular front. John has signed a new two-year contract and is, I believe, happy to stay with us. Thankfully, we are in the position where we do not have to sell players if we do not want to," he said.

CYCLING

Bottoms a sensitive point with Tour men

By Peter Bryan

Bottoms can sometimes be a sore point with cyclists — as the world's number one Sean Kelly, of Ireland, found out to his pain on Tuesday. That day Kelly took over the race leader's jersey in the Tour of Spain, but lasted only 20 miles in the saddle and in great pain from a boil.

He needed surgery and will now probably not be back in competition for a week while the wound heals.

Professional riders on the European circuit pedal annual mileages that would not be achieved by an average driver in his car. Kelly races five days out of seven from late February to early November. On non-racing days, with only a brief spell off the bike for a winter holiday in Ireland, he covers 100 miles a day in training. For him, and a score of others, 35,000 miles in the saddle a year is not impossible.

The contact point between rider and saddle is a sensitive one and cyclists, especially six-day men, all have their special remedies for keeping discomfort to a minimum.

Riders' shorts have a seat lining of chamois to reduce friction but when all the stops are out in a six-day race some riders will literally sit on a slice of raw steak positioned inside their shorts.

Some, who have opted not to have surgery to remove a blind boil during the racing season, cover their saddles with two inches of padding from which is sculpted a hole to allow a minimum of pressure on the perineum. One of the most extraordinary cases of saddle soreness was that suffered by Frenchman Nicolas Barone in the 1955 Tour de France. He rode practically the entire 2,500 miles route out of the saddle, standing on his pedals.

Portsmouth grant Ball pay increase

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, has been a given a £15,000 a year pay rise as his reward for taking the club into the first division. Ball has agreed on terms for a new three-year contract with John Deacon, the club chairman, even though his present agreement still has 12 months to run.

Ball said: "Nothing has been signed yet but I'm very happy about it and I will take his word about a new contract because he's a gentleman." Ball has been earning £35,000 a year since taking over from Bobby Campbell three years ago.

Coaches Graham Paddon and Peter Osgood will also receive new three-year contracts.

Too wise for the kid-glove approach

By Chris Moore

If proof were needed of professional football's blinkered attitude towards its part-time cousins, it was provided at the Hawthorns on Tuesday when, to the best of my knowledge, only one of the 92 football League managers took the trouble to watch the FA Trophy final replay, in which Kidderminster Harriers, somewhat fortuitously on the night, beat Burton Albion 2-1.

There are no prizes, however, for coming up with the name of that one League manager in attendance. Stop and think about it for a moment, and you should hit upon Graham Carr, who has just led Northampton Town to the fourth division championship with a side that contains no fewer than six signings from non-League football.

And don't be surprised if Carr now moves in for another two, from the cast who thrilled the second biggest crowd of the season at the Hawthorns.

Nine other League clubs were, to their credit, represented at the games, including Liverpool — in the shape of chief scout Ron Yeates — and Manchester United. But where were the rest, particularly those from the lower three divisions?

Had they forgotten that only three years ago Stuart Pearce was a non-League non-entity at Wealdstone, whereas next week he stands in line to make his England debut against Brazil at Wembley. Even before then, the likes of Cyrille Regis and Trevor Peake, who both began their careers in non-League football, will be treading the same hallowed turf for Coventry City in Saturday's FA Cup final. Arsenal's new £800,000 forward Alan Smith was discovered playing for Alvechurch, while countless others, Gary Birtles and John Aldridge among them, have emerged from the same breeding ground.

Was Carr surprised to find himself in damning isolation at the Hawthorns? "In truth, yes," he said. "I had expected to see quite a few other managers there. I spent 10 years in non-League management and also played in two FA Trophy finals, so I know from first-hand experience what the game at that level has to offer."

And his view of Tuesday's replay? "The players really got stuck in. The tackling was a bit frightening in the first quarter of an hour, but what really stood out was the commitment from both teams. But then I've always found part-time players totally committed. They do not get the kid-glove treatment like they do in the football League.

Two goals from Paul Davies, the first from a wicked deflection, put Harriers 2-0 up against the run of play after 76 minutes. Groves immediately replied for Barton, who had dominated the second half, and in a pulsating finale they were awarded a penalty three minutes from the end, after MacKenzie had handled. But Kidderminster's former Everton goalkeeper, Jim Arnold, dived the right way to smother Bancroft's spot kick.

City set to name new club coach

Manchester City will shortly name a new coach to assist manager Jimmy Frizzell in the campaign for a prompt return to the first division. Peter Swales, the chairman, said yesterday that the board had interviewed a "couple" of people for the job, with the aim of finding "somebody who will bring a breath of fresh air into the club."

But Swales denied there was any threat to Frizzell's position. "We have given him a resounding vote of confidence. He will be our manager." Swales said he was treating yesterday's suggestion that Terry Venables, the Barcelona manager, may join Manchester City as "a joke".

● Second division Reading have been given the go-ahead to raise £250,000 through a new share issue to finance the building of a luxury social club. More than 40 major shareholders agreed to the issue of 50,000 shares at £5 each at an extraordinary general meeting at Elm Park.

● The administrator appointed by the High Court to resolve the affairs of financially-troubled Halifax Town is to apply for a further one month extension when his term of office ends next Tuesday. Halifax were £400,000 in debt when accountant Tony Richmond took over in January. He was previously given a one month extension on April 19.

Injuries plague Ipswich

By Andrew Longmore

If the Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson thought that a change of competition might bring a change of luck, he was wrong. Having used 21 players already this season because of injury, Ferguson now finds himself without key defender Ian Cranston for the first leg of the play-off semi-finals against Charlton at Portman Road tonight.

Cranston tore a hamstring against Reading last Saturday and his place in the squad has been taken by Chris O'Donnell.

Ipswich, who claimed the last play-off place in the second division, are the bookmakers' underdogs in that group, but that does not concern Ferguson. Lennie Lawrence, the Charlton manager, should be able to field the side that beat Queen's Park Rangers last Saturday to claim their place in the play-offs.

Wigan should also be unchanged for their first leg against Swindon before a probable crowd of 16,000 but Sunderland, who visit unfashionable Gillingham, have doubts about new signing Bertschin, who fractured his nose against Barnsley, and top scorer Buchanan who has a thigh strain.

In the final play-off group, Bolton defender Dave Sutton will have a fitness test on a leg injury before the visit to Aldershot.

BOXING

Graham to challenge for WBA title

Herol Graham, of Sheffield, the World Boxing Association's leading middleweight contender, became a double world title challenger yesterday (Srikumar Sen writes).

He was nominated the International Boxing Federation's No. 1 contender after Thomas Hearns failed to notify the IBF whether he was taking up the offer of £375,000 from British promoter Frank Warren to meet Michael Olajide, of Canada, for the vacant title.

But Graham's manager, B J Eastwood, says that Graham is most likely to meet Iran Barkley, of the United States, for the WBA title as negotiations are well advanced.

The British middleweight title bout between the champion, Brian Anderson, of Sheffield, and Tony Sibson at the Albert Hall on May 27 has been called off. Sibson injured a leg in training. The new date is June 17.

Yesterday's racing results

York

Going: good to firm

2.0 (6f) 1. SLIP AND STICK (R Cochrane, 100-30); 2. Pomsevecchio Nottie (G Duffield, 20-1); 3. Director's Choice (W Newnes, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Endearing, 13-2 L'Addoon, 7 Krisfield (4th), 9 Watersplght (6th), 11 Casimini, 12 Western Gun, 20 Lord Sunday Sport, Stated Case (5th), 50 Waverley Star. 12 ran. NR: Mans No Angel, Stevere. ¾l, nk, 2l, 1½l, ½l, B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £1.90, £10.20, £2.00. DF: £402.30. CSF: £67.27. 1min 14.87sec.

2.35 (1m 2f 110yd) 1. NOM DE PLUME (S Cauthen, 5-1); 2. Gala Parade (R Cochrane, 12-1); 3. Glint Of Victory (M Hills, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 2 fav Nuryana (4th), Miss Storm Bird, Always Special (5th), 10 Troyes (5th), 12 Just Kala, 14 Gold Bracelet, Kahyna, 66 Which Direction, 100 Bunched, Glo Noble. 13 ran. Nk, 2½l, sh hd, ½l, ½l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £6.90, £2.10. DF: £122.80. CSF: £64.23. 2min 12.02sec.

3.5 (1m) 1. PASTICCIO (B Raymond, 7-1); 2. Red Russell (J Lowe, 12-1); 3. Saker (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Handlebar (5th), Vague Shot, 15-2 Slaney, 9 De Rigueur, 10 Fusilier, Well Rigged, 14 Coincidental (4th), 16 Captain's Niece, 33 Merrmoore. 12 ran. ¾l, hd, 1l, ½l, ½l, M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £8.90; £2.50, £5.10, £1.60. DF: £72.90. CSF: £87.49. Tricast: £216.01. Captain's Niece finished fourth but after a stewards' inquiry was disqualified and placed last. 1min 36.32sec.

3.40 MECCA-DANTE STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O: £79,983: 1m 2f 110yd)

REFERENCE POINT b c Mill Reef — Home on the Range (L Freedman) 9-0 S Cauthen (13-8 fav) 1.

Ascot Knight b c Danzig — Bambee T T (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) 9-0 W R Swinburn (13-2) 2.

Persifleur b c Lyphard's Wish — Paulista (D Wildenstein) 9-0 A Cruz (7-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Colonel, 11-2 Deputy Governor (5th), 11 Gulf King (5th), 14 Romantic Prince (4th), 50 Ninth Saga, 8 ran. 1l, 2½l, 4l, nk, 3l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £10.40. CSF: £11.85. 2min 8.25sec.

4.10 (1m) 1. MADAM BILLA (W Carson, 13-2). 2. Hooray Lady (T Quinn, 6-4 fav); 3. Corvigila Run (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN 7 Miss Sarajane, 8 Glow Again (6th), Good Saving, 11 Achanuasgh (4th), Millfields House (5th), 16 Mazurkanova, 9 ran. NR: Pixie Emn. Nk, nk, ¾, nk, ½l, N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £8.60; £1.90, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £10.30. CSF: £18.36. Tricast: £40.88. 1min 38.29sec.

4.45 (7f) 1. GUN RULE (S Cauthen, 4-9 fav; Mandarin's and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Full Hearted (P Tulk, 14-1); 3. Kristal Air (B Thomson, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 6 African Queen (5th), 8 Bomming Around (4th), 14 Residency, 25 Dot Com, 66 Roundelay (6th), Bonny's Pet, 100 La Reine d'Espagne. 10 ran. 1½l, ½l, 2l, ¾l, 5l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £3.90, £1.80. DF: £17.30. CSF: £9.13. 1min 25.96sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £3,631.65 carried forward to York today. Placepot: £35.00.

Brighton

Going: firm

2.15 (6f) 1. MARTIAN MELODY (T Williams, 33-1); 2. Inshad (M Roberts, 8-1), 3. Eagles Nest (P Waldron, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Segovian, 7-2 Kikuyu (6th), 7 King Krimson, 10 Young Centurion, 12 Salinas, 14 Miss Jasmine, Oriental Jade (5th), 33 Starsign (4th). 11 ran. 1½l, ½l, 3l, ½l, hd, W Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £93.70; £8.10, £1.50. £5.00. DF: £150.90. CSF: £257.70. Tricast: £7,720.13. Segovian finished first, but following a stewards inquiry was disqualified and placed last.

2.45 (1m) 1. RUN BY JOVE (T Williams, 6-1); 2. The Ute (A Riding, 3-1 fav); 3. Mostango (B Rouse, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 On Impulse (5th), 5 Temperance Way (4th), 10 Belle Of Stars (6th), Tropical Boy, 12 Relampago, Romany Lad, 16 Rupert Brooke, Tender Track, 20 Inner Calm, Sunset Sam, 33 Menzies Flyer, Eastern Princess, Grenville Lass. 16 ran. NR: Maureen's Cavalier. nk, 3l, hd, 2½l, ¾l, P Haslam at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90; £1.60, £2.00, £3.50. DF: £14.30. CSF: £27.71. Bought in 2,900gns. After a steward's inquiry, the result stands.

3.15 (7f) 1. BEECHWOOD COTTAGE (S Whitworth, 7-1); 2. Arctic Ken (J Reid, 9-1); 3. Compleat (B Rouse, 5-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 2 Highly Recommended (4th), 10 Duff (6th), 14 Gold Loft (5th), 33 Light Hills. 7 ran. NR: Gershwin. hd, sh hd, 1½l, 2l. 10l A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £7.60; £3.10, £2.90. DF: £45.40. CSF: £56.99.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1. DAARKOM (M Roberts, Evens fav); 2. Holliston (R Fox, 10-1); 3. Lanbas (P Waldron, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Marsh Harrier (4th), 20 Isom Dart (6th), 25 Shallaal (6th). 6 ran. ½l, hd, 8l, 15l, dist. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £6.20. CSF: £10.27.

4.20 (1m 2f) 1. ROCK CHANTEUR (J Reid, 8-11 fav); 2. Blanton Reserve (G Starkey, 11-8); 3. War Child (M Wigham, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Saints Above (4th). 4 ran. 4l, 8l, 20l. C Nelson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.83.

4.50 (5f) 1. RENDICUS (Paul Eddery, 8-11 fav); 2. Fairfield Lad (P Robinson, 12-1); 3. Red Valentine (S Whitworth, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Sound The Retreat (4th), 5 Wassa (5th), 33 Bashtom (5th), 5 ran. ¾l, 4l, 3l, 8l, ¾l, W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £5.70. DF: £9.50. CSF: £9.53. After a stewards inquiry, the result stands.

Placepot: £178.40.

● Valuable Witness will run in today's Yorkshire Cup (4.10) only if there is sufficient rain to ease the ground. Similarly, Pillar Of Wisdom only runs in the Glasgow Graduation Stakes (5.15) if the ground is not too firm.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Degenerale, Marie Gabrielle, Causey Arch, The Vinegar Man.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses engaged today wearing blinkers for the first time.

Tuesday's late returns

Nottingham

Going: firm

7.15 (6f) 1. Dreguss (N Adams, 25-1); 2. Freddie Ashton (16-1); 3. Cream And Green (4-1 fav). 14 ran. NR: Cree's Figurine. 1l, nk, K Brassey. Tote: £111.30; £28.80, £5.00, £2.40. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £17.50. CSF: £329.99. Tricast: £1,747.60.

7.45 (1m 50yd) 1. Farfurr (B Thomson, 8-1). 2. Riot Squad (20-1). 3. Palace Dancer (3-1) First Of All 4-6 fav 12 ran. Nk, hd, P Walwyn Tote: £9.70; £2.20, £4.60, £2.00. DF: £35.30. CSF: £114.62.

8.15 (1m 2f) 1. Knockando (R Cochrane, 13-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2. Indian Love Song (33-1); 3. Qualtaer King (16-1); 4. Black Comedy (7-1). 23 ran. ¾l, 2½l, l, Cumani. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £6.30, £3.60. £1.90. DF: £25.30. CSF: £56.44. Tricast: £654.24.

Placepot: £28.25.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm

7.15 (6f) 1. African Rex (T Williams, 6-1); 2. Chummys Pet (Evens fav); 3. Bernie Wooster (7-2). 1½l, sh hd, 9 ran. D Laing. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £12.05. Tricast: £21.78.

7.45 (1m 4f) 1. Lagta (B Rouse, 16-1); 2. Comedy Sail (9-2); 3. Durbo (13-2). Sahood 100-30 fav 15 ran. 4l, 1½l, J Dunlop Tote: £40.50; £9.20, £1.90, £2.80. DF: £48.00. CSF: £85.77. Tricast: £490.62.

8.15 (5f) 1. Bay Wolf Tiger (B Rouse, 7-4 fav) 2. The Burden (9-2); 3. Polola (5-2). 6 ran. ¾l, 1½l, R Hannon. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £9.06.

8.45 (1m 2f) 1. Interlacing (Paul Eddery, 5-2). 2. Christin's Silver (13-8 fav); 3. Queen's Lake (9-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 4l, H Cecil. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £2.40.

Placepot: £28.60.

Operation for Deehan

John Deehan, Ipswich Town's forward, who was signed from Norwich City last summer in a straight exchange for Trevor Putney, is to have an exploratory operation on his knee tomorrow. Deehan has been unable to play a League match since early March.

West Ham have given a free transfer to Greg Campbell, aged 21, who is the son of the former Fulham and Portsmouth manager, Bobby Campbell.

After joining West Ham as an apprentice in 1981, Campbell made only five first-team appearances, but was unlucky to fracture his jaw in only his second match two seasons ago.

Shrewsbury Town have placed on the transfer list Bernard McNally, their Northern Ireland international, and Gary Hackett, a winger. Both players are said to be unsettled at Gay Meadow.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Why final needs The Wire

By Keith Macklin

An industrial town on the banks of the River Mersey holds the key to the attendance at Sunday's first ever double-headed premiership finals at Old Trafford. The fickle supporters of Warrington, with a reputation for a small lunatic fringe, rather than for mass loyalty, will decide whether the crowd figures tops 40,000 or 50,000.

Officials are being cautious to the point of coyness about the expected attendance at Manchester United's ground, which was bulging with 51,000 when Great Britain met Australia on a rainy afternoon last October. By last night all 26,000 seats had been sold, but significantly the last few hundred to go were from the allocation to Warrington.

Asked whether the grand stand sell out meant another crowd topping 50,000, David Howes, the League's PRO said: "Who knows? It depends on how many turn up on the day, but we are expecting at least 40,000." So the supporters of Warrington and the neutrals will tilt the scales. Wigan supporters, relishing another opportunity to cheer their team to a fourth trophy trial in a remarkable season, will bring along around 25,000, many thousands of whom will be heading for the terraces.

The premiership final in the second division pits Hunslet against Swinton and they are expected to bring a total of between 5,000 and 6,000. The cherry and white favours and scarves of Wigan will thus fill the Stretford End and broad terraces of Old Trafford, but the success of the premiership final as a sporting occasion will depend ultimately on the amount of primrose, blue and white in the giant kaleidoscope.

Last season, Warrington were successful enough to clinch the premiership final place and then mesmerise Halifax with a brilliant performance in the final. Yet the average attendance at Wilderspool for a side playing attractively was no more than 3,619. This, on a ground where 25 years ago, Brian Bevan and Harry Bath pulled in 20,000.

No wonder the club officials and older die-hard supporters known as the Wirepullers or simply "The Wire" have been heard to mutter glumly that Warrington doesn't deserve a good team. Warrington's pride at being labelled alongside Wigan and St Helens as "a rugby town" is based on history, harking back to the golden years of the 1950s and early 1960s and the great Bath-Bevan.

Crowds at Wilderspool have never in recent seasons reached the level of support that a successful side expects.

Hanley heads sweep

Ellery Hanley, the Wigan captain and Great Britain player who has scored 63 tries this season, last night won the highest individual accolade in the game when he was named Man Of Steel at the annual awards ceremony at Salford (Keith Macklin writes).

Hanley becomes the first player to have won the title twice, also winning two years ago. The awards are sponsored by Grünhalle Lager, and Hanley receives £1,750 and a memento worth £300.

In the sectional awards, the first division prize, voted by the professionals, went to Andy Gregory, the Wigan and Great Britain scrum half, who unfortunately is injured and may miss Sunday's premiership final. The second division player of the year is John Cogger, an Australian who plays for Runcorn Highfield.

Young player of the year, for the second time, is Shaun Edwards (Wigan) who, like Gregory, is doubtful for the premiership final. To round off a clean sweep of the major awards by Wigan, the coach prize goes to Graham Lowe, who has steered the club to three trophy successes and Sunday's final at Old Trafford.

The referee of the year is John Holdsworth, of Leeds, who officiated at the Wembley final. The section winners receive £650 with a £200 memento.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Today League

Play-offs

Semi-finals, first leg

First division

Ipswich v Charlton (7.45)
Leeds v Oldham

Second division

Gillingham v Sunderland (7.45)
Wigan v Swindon (7.45)

Third division

Aldershot v Bolton (7.45)
Colchester v Wolverhampton

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Hull (6.30). Second division (7.0): Grimsby v Doncaster; West Bromwich v Scunthorpe

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0 to 7.0
TAUNTON: Somerset v Pakistanis.

Benson and Hedges Cup
11.0, 55 overs
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Hampshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Warwickshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Combined Universities.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Scotland.
OXFORD (Christ Church): Minor Counties v Glamorgan.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Luttenworth: Leicestershire v Derbyshire: Uxbridge: Middlesex v Kent; Wolverton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Essex; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset; Horsham: Sussex v Surrey; Nuneaton: Warwickshire v Lancashire; Elland: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

BOWLS

INTER COUNTY (3.0): Cambridgeshire v Norfolk (at March); Herefordshire v Monmouthshire (at Ledbury); Middlesex v Northumberland (at Uxbridge); Northamptonshire v Durham (at Northampton); Warwickshire v Essex Tourists (at Nuneaton).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (3.0): Oxfordshire v London and Southern Counties (at Henley).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: BSTA English championship (at Widnes snooker centre).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor show.
GOLF: Welsh women's championship (at Aberdovey); Northern open (at Aberdeen).
ROWING: Medical Sickness Society United Hospitals bumps (at Chiswick).
SPEEDWAY: Knockout Cup: Second round, first leg: Arena Essex v Wimbledon. National League: Middlesbrough v Rye House.
TENNIS: International spring circuit (at Lee-on-Solent); LTA north east open championship (at Teesside, 1.0).

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: Coverage of one of today's zonal matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup, BBC1: 10.50am and 1.50pm. BBC2: 1.05 and 3pm. Highlights: BBC2: 11.15pm
RACING: 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races from York. C4: 2.30pm.

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Show jumper Sue Pountain talks frankly to Peter Churchill in today's Royal Windsor Show Number of Horse and Hound about her attempt to regain the ladies' championship lost last year to Gillian Greenwood. The Windsor coverage also includes a look at international driving, the dressage competition entrants and the full programme. The road safety campaign continues, and there is a report, with pictures, on the Dublin Spring Show.

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CRICKET

Friendly rivalry among Cowdrey brothers does wonders for Kent

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY: Kent (2pts) beat Sussex by 106 runs.

It was a toss up yesterday as to whether Cowdrey, minor or minimus should be presented with the gold award. Christopher won it by a short head, but Graham too helped Sussex's downfall and both are vital to the Kent hopes of winning the Benson and Hedges Cup.

When Graham Cowdrey came to the wicket in the morning to replace his older brother, 36 overs of Kent's innings had passed. The score was 129 for four, which is to say that Kent needed a swift injection to the scoring rate. Hinks, having made 85 in 42 overs, was out not long afterwards.

Having quickly got his eye in, Cowdrey advanced down the pitch to Le Roux and smote him for four. He swung Babington for six, drove him for another and savaged anything short. From 58 balls he made 69 with two sixes and eight fours, his highest score in this competition, and Kent were on their way to a winning total.

There was still something in the pitch for the bowlers. Iglesden, who later turned his ankle falling on the boundary rope, kept a steady line and took the wicket off Parker, but it was Christopher Cowdrey, moving the ball both ways off the pitch, who inflicted most damage.

The Sussex innings was already bogged down when he entered the attack and had Alikhan caught at the wicket off a thin edge. He bowled Alan Wells and Green, hitting wildly to leg, and next ball beat Lenham with a perfect leg-cutter. Sussex could not find their feet at all. His final figures were 11-4-14-4, and there was still Underwood to come.

Gould hit across the line at Penn and Underwood then had Colin Wells neatly stumped through a lovely piece of bowling — a quicker ball followed by one tossed up that turned enough to beat the forward lunge.

Le Roux holed out off Underwood to long-off and the match was effectively over. It was only sad that Cowdrey major, the MCC president, was not present to enjoy it.

KENT

M R Benson c Gould b Hinks	7
S G Hinks b C M Wells	85
D G Aslett c Pigott b Reeve	15
C J Tavaré b Reeve	1
*C S Cowdrey b Babington	21
G R Cowdrey st Gould b A P Wells	69
E A E Baptiste c Green b Le Roux	21
†S A Marsh st Gould b Reeve	2
C Penn lbw b Reeve	0
A P Igglesden not out	5
D L Underwood not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 3, nb 5)	14
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-65, 3-88, 4-129, 5-148, 6-226, 7-230, 8-230, 9-234.

BOWLING: Pigott 9-1-30-0; Le Roux 11-1-45-2; C M Wells 11-1-42-1; Reeve 11-2-42-4; Babington 11-0-58-1; A P Wells 2-0-20-1.

SUSSEX

R I Alikhan c Marsh b C S Cowdrey	12
A M Green b C S Cowdrey	32
P W G Parker b Igglesden	7
A P Wells b C S Cowdrey	12
C M Wells st Marsh b Underwood	10
N J Lenham b C S Cowdrey	0
*†I J Gould b Penn	3
G S Le Roux c Igglesden b Underwood	2
D A Reeve not out	30
A C S Pigott c Benson b Underwood	12
A M Babington c Tavaré b Underwood	1
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 5, nb 2)	16
Total (45.2 overs)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-35, 3-65, 4-74, 5-74, 6-83, 7-86, 8-91, 9-126.

BOWLING: Baptiste 7-1-24-0; Igglesden 7-0-25-1; C S Cowdrey 11-4-14-4; Penn 9-1-21-1; Underwood 8.2-1-28-4; Hinks 3-0-16-0.

Gold award: C S Cowdrey.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J A Jameson.



Going for the kill: Greig, of Surrey, is poised to run out Maynard, of Glamorgan, at the Oval yesterday

TENNIS: A STONY-FACED LENDL WALTZES INTO THE QUARTER-FINALS

Keretic's dance just cosmetic

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Rome

Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander have coasted into the third round of the Italian singles championship at a cost of only eight games each. In the past five years both have twice passed the clay-court game's supreme test by winning the French title. They will be back in Paris on May 25 and current form suggests that they will be awfully hard to stop.

It is easy to take people for granted when they play as well and win as easily as Lendl and Wilander have been playing and winning here. Lendl had a little fun yesterday — or, to be more accurate, his opponent did. The name Damir Keretic may not mean much but the ranking suggests that there are only 68 better players in the world.

Born in Zagreb of Yugoslav parents, Keretic was a child when the family moved to Germany. Aged 27, he lives in Stuttgart and ranks fourth in his second homeland. Yesterday Keretic lost seven games before winning one, whereupon he grinned and danced about like a boy discovering that Christmas Day, seemingly elusive, had turned up at last.

There was much more in the same humour: for example, Keretic vainly chasing a superb lob, climbing the canvas to confront the front-row spectators and then turning to shake a playful fist at Lendl. At times Keretic was all smiles and skips, especially when he had done something clever. He enjoyed himself. Lendl, on the other hand, was mostly stony-faced. He can be a jolly chap but not when he is working.

John McEnroe is beginning to look formidable, if not as remorselessly efficient a clay-court player as Lendl and Wilander. On Tuesday evening, under a full moon, McEnroe won 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 against Franco Davin, aged 17, one of seven Argentines ranked in the top 100. Davin was a set and a break up when the floodlights went up. After that McEnroe's game flowered and Davin's wilted.

They finished at 12.18, whereupon Eduardo Bengoechea, of Argentina, set about Yannick Noah (who played as if he would rather have been in bed) and beat him 7-5, 6-1. In the recent German championships Bengoechea beat four more highly ranked players. He is beginning to fancy his chances against anybody.

McEnroe's variable form against Davin had familiar features: superb volleying, the ability to muffle cross-spins by taking the ball early but, on the debit side, a forehand that was often shaky. Yesterday — that is, later yesterday — McEnroe practised with Derrick Rostagno, a Californian with Argentine blood, before beating Horacio de la Pena 6-2, 6-4.

Like Davin, de la Pena is a left-handed Argentine lightweight. For the time being McEnroe has seen enough of the breed. The McEnroe who won yesterday was a class above the McEnroe who, for a long time, had looked commonplace against Davin. McEnroe's back is giving him so many shifting problems that he cannot reasonably be expected to win here — much less in Paris.

Jonas Svensson, the heroic loser of a thrilling five-set final with Noah at Wembley, was beaten 6-1, 6-4 by the most highly ranked Italian, Paolo Cané, a gaunt, tense, edgy man with aquiline features. Cané is cold-eyed, tricky and spectacularly demonstrative. His drop-shots die as if punctured.

In the last game Cané served two aces, was foot-faulted twice (in Italy once is rare) and needed three match points. But the umpire — nameless, to save his blushes — ultimately stole the show. As Cané served, on his second match point, there was a call of "fault" and a howl of protest from the crowd. "Check the mark," demanded the umpire. There was no mark to be checked. The call had come from the foot-fault judge.

RESULTS: First round: E Bengoechea (Arg) bt Y Noah (Fr), 7-5, 6-1. Second round: M Wilander (Swe) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-2, 6-1; I Lendl (Cz) bt D Keretic (WG), 6-0, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; C Motta (Braz) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; P Cane (It) bt J B Svensson (Swe), 6-1, 6-4; U Stenlund (Swe) bt J Arias (US), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; M Pernfors (Swe) bt J Pugh (US), 6-1, 6-3; A Gomez (Ec) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; J McEnroe (US) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; H Leconte (Fr) bt S Casal (Sp), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; M Jaite (Arg) bt A Agassi (US), 6-2, 7-5; K Carlsson (Swe) bt J Berger (US), 7-6, 6-3; J Nystrom (Swe), bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-4; R Agenor (US) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 6-4, 6-2.

Golden century for Bailey

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Gloucestershire by 58 runs

Northamptonshire gained a comfortable victory over Gloucestershire in their resumed Benson and Hedges Cup zonal match yesterday after a second-wicket partnership of 245 off 44 overs between Robert Bailey and Geoff Cook had given them an overwhelming advantage.

Both batsmen scored centuries for the first time in the competition. Bailey's winning him the Gold Award, and though Athey made a splendid 95 for the visitors, they were never really in the hunt.

Northamptonshire had 18.3 overs of their innings left at the start and without resorting to anything foolhardy - although Bailey did manage an exotic six over third man off a bemused Walsh - they added 135 runs against some ordinary bowling. Bailey, the more aggressive on Tuesday, was outscored by the less flamboyant Cook, who nevertheless reached three figures from one ball fewer than his partner, 133 to 134.

Cook was run out in the penultimate over, going for an unlikely second, and to compound the error the first did not count either because umpire Oslear signalled one short. The stand was the county's largest for any wicket in the competition and Bailey's 134 was their best individual score.

Gloucestershire's primary need in chasing such a big total was a good start, but Davis, Northamptonshire's new West Indian fast bowling asset, removed both openers in his first four overs, Stovold being well taken at slip by Lamb, and with Walker providing good seam bowling support, and the fielding keen throughout, Gloucestershire were only 40 for two from 17 overs at lunch.

Afterwards, however, Athey turned the tide, first with Bainbridge, who was run out in the unluckiest way when the bowler touched the ball on to the wicket, and then with Curran in a fourth-wicket stand of 77 from 13 overs. Athey, after previous Benson and Hedges scores of 91 and 80, looked in excellent form, driving crisply and placing his strokes effectively.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*G Cook run out	108
W Larkins c Russell b Lawrence	18
R J Bailey b Walsh	134
A J Lamb not out	1
Extras (lb 14, w 6, nb 2)	22
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs)	283

D J Capel, R G Williams, D J Wild, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-274, 3-283.

BOWLING: Walsh 11-3-52-1; Lawrence 10-0-47-1; Curran 11-1-60-0; Bainbridge 11-1-55-0; Alleyne 2-0-6-0; Graveney 10-0-49-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold c Lamb b Davis	11
P W Romaines lbw b Davis	7
C W J Athey c Larkins b Williams	95
P Bainbridge run out	30
K M Curran b Walker	21
A J Wright c Ripley b Capel	10
M W Alleyne c and b Williams	4
†R C Russell c Wild b Williams	8
*D A Graveney b Davis	11
C A Walsh b Williams	7
D V Lawrence not out	1
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 7)	20
Total (52 overs)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-23, 3-93, 4-170, 5-189, 6-195, 7-197, 8-214, 9-220.

BOWLING: Davis 9-0-34-3; Walker 9-2-26-1; Capel 10-1-38-1; N G B Cook 11-0-49-0; Wild 4-0-27-0; Williams 9-0-41-4.

Gold award: R J Bailey.

Umpires: J W Holder and D O Oslear.

Lancs v Scotland

SOUTHPORT (Scotland won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Scotland by 7 wickets.

SCOTLAND

I L Phillip lbw b Allott	71
K Scott c Allott b Watkinson	13
*R G Swan c and b Abrahams	40
D Henry run out	6
W A Donald c Hughes b Abrahams	5
A B Russell run out	0
N W Burnett c Hughes b Simmons	0
D L Snodgrass not out	12
T G Duthie b Allott	1
J Kerr b Allott	2
†J D Knight not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 3)	15
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-138, 3-140, 4-148, 5-148, 6-150, 7-152, 8-155, 9-167.

BOWLING: Allott 11-3-24-3; McLeod 6-0-14-0; Watkinson 9-2-25-1; O'Shaughnessy 4-0-19-0; Simmons 11-3-29-1; Hughes 6-0-20-0; Abrahams 8-2-32-2.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c Phillip b Henry	29
G Fowler c Knight b Ker	2
D W Varey c and b Duthie	27
S J O'Shaughnessy not out	69
J Abrahams not out	31
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 4, nb 1)	11
Total (3 wkts, 45 overs)	169

*D P Hughes, M Watkinson, J Simmons, K McLeod, P J W Allott and †J Stanworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-42, 3-92.

BOWLING: Duthie 9-1-26-1; Kerr 9-0-35-1; Donald 10-2-40-0; Henry 11-3-28-1; Burnett 5-0-29-0; Snodgrass 1-0-5-0.

Gold award: I L Phillip.

Umpires: K J Lyons and R A White.

Hughes return

Perth (Reuter) — Kim Hughes, the former Australian captain, who was banned after leading two sides to South Africa for the past two years, has accepted an invitation to train with the Western Australia Sheffield Shield squad. The bans on Hughes, Terry Alderman, Tom Hogan and Greg Shipperd for touring South Africa have all expired, but although they may now play State cricket, they must still serve another year's suspension before playing in the international arena.

A return to the dark age

By Alan Lee

THE OVAL: Surrey (2pts) beat Glamorgan by 48 runs.

Glamorgan proved that you cannot give up all your bad habits overnight when, in a collapse worthy of their darkest days, they lost their last seven wickets for 25 runs yesterday to give Surrey a far smoother passage than had once seemed likely.

For a short time the illusion had persisted that Alan Butcher, one of Surrey's more recent old boys, would mark his return to the Oval with a match-winning innings. Then the moment arrived which had hung over Glamorgan like a visit to the dentist — Sylvester Clarke came on to bowl.

In his second over of a fresh spell the Barbadian engaged top gear and removed Butcher leg-beforefor 65 after a third-wicket stand with Ontong which had produced 107 in 27 overs and kept flickering Glamorgan hopes of a second group victory and almost certainly a quarter-finial place.

They have never progressed beyond the last eight of this competition and they face a struggle to get even that far, because when Ontong was run out as he hesitated over a leg-bye the wheels came off the innings in spectacular fashion.

At that stage 73 runs from 10 overs was the target: stiff but not impossible. It rapidly ceased to be a factor, however, as Greig, the Surrey captain, belatedly brought himself on and settled the issue

He had been content to supervise the defence of the vast outfield for much of the morning but finally came on for the 46th over and instantly dismissed the remaining danger, Holmes.

The last five wickets clattered out for nine runs in 21 balls, a demise which will have done little for the new spirit of optimism that Hugh Morris has created in the Glamorgan team.

SURREY 241 for 5 (G S Clinton 71, N J Falkner 58)

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins c Richards b Clarke	0
*H Morris c Lynch b Thomas	12
A R Butcher lbw b Clarke	65
R C Ontong run out	50
G C Holmes c sub b Greig	28
M P Maynard run out	5
J G Thomas c Feltham b Greig	6
J Derrick not out	2
†C P Metson b Clarke	0
C J P G van Zyl b Clarke	5
S R Barwick c Bullen b Greig	1
Extras (lb 13, w 5, nb 1)	19
Total (51.1 overs)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-26, 3-133, 4-168, 5-171, 6-184, 7-184, 8-184, 9-192.

BOWLING: Clarke 9-3-25-4; Thomas 11-2-38-1; Feltham 9-1-33-0; Bullen 11-0-48-0; Jesty 8-0-23-0; Greig 3.1-0-13-3.

Gold award: S T Clarke.

Umpires: J H Hamms and R Palmer.

GROUP A

	P	W	L	Pts	SR
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	4	1.420
Northamptonshire	2	1	1	2	1.132
Derbyshire	2	1	1	2	1.369
Leicestershire	2	1	1	2	1.515
Nottinghamshire	3	1	2	2	1.937

GROUP B

	P	W	L	Pts	SR
Yorkshire	3	3	0	6	1.543
Warwickshire	2	1	1	2	1.410
Worcestershire	2	1	1	2	1.701
Lancashire	3	1	2	2	1.744
Scotland	2	0	2	0	2.222

GROUP C

	P	W	L	Pts	SR
Somerset	3	3	0	6	1.242
Hampshire	3	2	1	4	1.307
Essex	2	1	1	2	1.423
Combined Univs.	2	0	2	0	1.500
Middlesex	2	0	2	0	2.163

GROUP D

	P	W	L	Pts	SR
Kent	3	2	1	4	1.328
Surrey	2	2	0	4	1.366
Sussex	3	1	2	2	1.532
Glamorgan	2	1	1	2	1.574
Minor Counties	2	0	2	0	1.633

Pakistan wait on Qadir

By Qamar Ahmed

Pakistan's vice-captain and star batsman, Javed Miandad, who had stayed behind because of the birth of his second son, arrived in England yesterday. He is likely to make his first appearance against his old county, Sussex, on Saturday. Although he has not played any cricket since April, Pakistan cannot afford to go in the first one-day game at the Oval on May 21 without him. In 81 Test matches Miandad scored 5,891 runs at an average of 53.55, including 14 Test centuries.

It is, however, alarming that the touring side have not heard anything so far from their leg spinner, Abdul Qadir, who too had stayed home pleading his wife's illness. After being picked for the tour he had shown reluctance to go with the team but on second thoughts told Pakistan's cricket board officials he would join the team after two weeks. But it appears that the tormentor of the batsmen the world over is in a tangle himself.

There is a rumour in his home town, Lahore, that the world's best leg spinner's popularity, with female spectators has become a cause for concern for his family and friends. His manager, Hasib Ahsan, says that so far he has not heard anything from Qadir but he is hopeful that he will join the team in the next few days.

Wellington's rearguard action

By George Chesterton

Wellington extended their winning sequence to four by gaining the narrowest of victories over Winchester.

Although Winchester, the visitors, only managed 157 with Hodgson, of Wellington, taking six for 47, the home team was soon in serious trouble, and were reduced to 87 for seven. But White was 64 and Alexander 33, staged a determined rearguard action and secured a two-wicket victory. Robinson, for Winchester, took five for 52.

Blundell's batted first at Clifton, and was soon in trouble from Niven's pace. He finished with figures of five for 40 in Blundell's innings of 131. Lawry made a brisk 42 in an opening partnership of 59, and then Bailey with a not-out 50 saw Clifton safely home by eight wickets.

North of the border, Fettes put Glenalmond in on an excellent wicket, a fine captain's innings of 52 by Higgins and a good wag of the tail gave Glenalmond a total of 190. Maclean, who had four wickets for 18, later took part in a promising stand with Adam, the Fettes captain, who made 54, but was run out on 48. The rest of the Fettes side could not cope with the fast medium left-arm bowling of Wilson, who had figures of six for 35, and they totalled 120.

Charterhouse recovered from 140 for seven to reach the sound score of 234 against Tonbridge. Stevens being top scorer with 65. Tonbridge were always under pressure for time, but were contained by some steady bowling and enthusiastic fielding. Longley played the best innings of the day with 89.

Tonbridge needed 25 runs in the last over, and they must have felt a sniff of victory when Gill hit two sixes, but they had to be content with a draw 10 runs short with three wickets in hand.

France to face McEnroe and Connors

Düsseldorf, (Reuter) — France, the title holders, were grouped with three other past champions in yesterday's draw for next week's $750,000 eight-nation World Team Cup, the most important men's team tennis event after the Davis Cup. The French were drawn in the "blue" group with the United States, Spain and Argentina.

The United States, with John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors teaming up for the first time since winning the tournament in 1985, look the most serious threat to the chances of Leconte, Tulasne and Forget reaching the final again.

Sweden, last year's losing finalists, will be favourites in the "red" group even though Wilander withdrew yesterday.

TEAMS (world ranking in brackets): Red group: Australia, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and West Germany. Blue group: Argentina, France, Spain and US.

Bates loses out again

Jeremy Bates, the British No. 2, could well have put his Davis Cup place in jeopardy, with yet another disappointing performance in the Hi-Tec Hardcourt Tennis tournament at Lee-on-Solent yesterday.

Bates lost 6-4 6-1 to Torben Theine, of West Germany, a 19-year-old whom he had beaten previously on the Lawn Tennis Association's Spring Circuit.

Bates was again watched by Paul Hutchins, the manager of the Davis Cup team, who must soon give serious thought to his international side to play a crucial relegation Davis Cup tie with Yugoslavia in Zagreb in July.

In yesterday's match against the German, Bates had done reasonably well to reduce a 4-1 arrears to 5-4 in the first set, but the second set was disastrous as the British international lost the last six games. Now he has slumped to 235th in the world rankings.

There was an equally disappointing British performance in the second round of the women's singles. Jo Louis, of Devon, lost the last nine games in a 7-5 6-0 defeat to Elizabeth Galphin, an 18-year-old from Florida.

Stephen Shaw, the British No. 5, stayed on course to reach his third successive final of the series, with a 7-6, 6-4 win against Neil Borwick of Australia.

Talks over sponsor

Talks about money are continuing between the Queen's Club and Whitbread's brewery, who sponsor the annual pre-Wimbledon grass court tournament at the West London club.

The deal between the club and brewery is being revised in the light of an offer by the stockbrokers Shearson Lehman to take over the tournament.

A brewery spokesman said today that agreement was not now expected until next week.

GOLF

How to be perfectly married to your trade

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Marbella

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday produced a regal performance in front of his prospective father-in-law to blunt growing criticism that the greens at Las Brisas would spoil the Peugeot Spanish Open which starts here today.

He calmly insisted that his course record 64, set during the Pro-am, was neither to impress Emilio Botin, father of his fiancee, Carmen, nor a defiant act to support his insistence that the greens be lightening fast.

Ballesteros, after gathering five birdies and two eagles, one of them at the tenth where he holed a 160-yards seven iron shot, said: "It's only the second time that I've partnered Emilio Botin on the golf course and I certainly wasn't out there to impress anybody.

"Marriage? I cannot let you have a date for a wedding at the moment, but when I know, then I shall tell you. It's all I say now."

Rumours that there might be a hiccup in the relationship have been recently countered by other suggestions that the real reason for Ballesteros's late defection from next month's Dunhill British Masters is that he is getting married that week. That, too, seems unlikely.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	401	4	10	404	4
2	423	4	11	209	3
3	496	5	12	514	5
4	203	3	13	385	4
5	583	5	14	396	4
6	385	4	15	429	4
7	170	3	16	225	3
8	507	5	17	324	4
9	357	4	18	401	4
Out	3,525	37	In	3,287	35

Total yardage: 6,812 Par: 72

Ballesteros, however, certainly regards the Spanish Open, organized for him by Jorge Cebalos, his former manager, and Roddy Carr, the former Walker Cup player, as a clear chance to illustrate the way he believes a golf course should be set up.

At his insistence the greens are as slick as is possible

"We should have hard and fast greens in Europe all the time just as they do in America," stressed Ballesteros. "They were far too slow at Chepstow last week and my instructions here were to have them absolutely right so that it helps our build-up for the Ryder Cup. We must be ready for Muirfield Village."

Ballesteros, still smarting over his surprise defeat by Jeff Hawkes in last week's Epson matchplay, is eager to come straight back with a win. Even so, he faces the difficult task against a strong field which includes Howard Clark, the defending champion, Sandy Lyle, Nick Faldo, Sam Torrance, Ian Woosnam, and Johnny Miller, the former British Open champion.

Lyle is making only his second appearance on the 1987 European tour — he finished down the field in the Italian Open two weeks ago — but he is determined to make enough money this season to earn his Ryder Cup place by right. Tony Jacklin, of course, would select Lyle, winner of the Tournament Players' championship in Florida in March. Lyle said: "I want to be one of the nine players who earn their place automatically.

TEESSIDE: LTA North East Open Championship: Men: Quarter-finals: P Russell (Glouca) bt A Evans (Derbys), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; B Parker (Durham and Cleveland) bt A Dougan (Surrey), 6-1, 6-2; M Babbidge (Durham and Cleveland) bt V Ranson (Essex), 6-4, 6-0; R Antoun (Kent) bt D Clarry (Surrey), 6-4, 3-5, 6-1.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: NBA play-offs: Western Conference: Semi-finals (best of seven): Houston Rockets 112, Seattle Supersonics 107 (Supersonics lead 3-2); Los Angeles Lakers 116, Golden State Warriors 106 (Lakers win series, 4-1).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland Athletics 10, Milwaukee Brewers 8; New York Yankees 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Detroit Tigers 15, California Angels 2; Kansas City Royals 3, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Boston Red Sox 3, Seattle Mariners 2; Texas Rangers 8, Cleveland Indians 1; Baltimore Orioles 10, Minnesota Twins 7. National League: St Louis Cardinals 6, San Francisco Giants 5; New York Mets 5, Cincinnati Reds 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Chicago Cubs 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 12, San Diego Padres 5; Atlanta Braves 5, Montreal Expos 2; Houston Astros 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2.

CRICKET

SWANSEA: Bain Dawes Trophy: Glamorgan 241-8 (P A Cottey 80; S P James 60; J W Atherton 4-38), Somerset II 244-3 (R Baigent 73; N Pringle 50).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: MCC 75, *Eton 76-2; *Seaford 172-9, MCC 179-5 (R Tuose 106); *Sevenoaks 210-2 dec, Ardingley 112-8; *Westminster 196-3 dec, Lords and Commons 125, Incogniti 213-7, *Cranbrook 178-8.

*Denotes home team.

CYCLING

GERA, East Germany: Peace race (Fourth stage, 56km cntenum). 1, O Ludwig (EG), 1hr 15min 11sec; 2, U Raab (EG), at 07sec; 3, U Ampler (EG), 10; 4, F Boucanville (Fr); 5, J-F Lehle (Fr); 6, D Konishev (USSR); 7, J Skaane (Nor); 8, P Perrow (Bul); 9, N Stankov (Bul); 10, R Stumpf (WG). Britain: =15, M Gorrall, M Coll, G Longland, all at same time; 89, K Morgan, 4-16; 98, G Platts, 4.20; 113, P Brown, 7:17. Teams overall: 1, Soviet Union, 36hr 35min 43sec; 2, East Germany, at 15sec; 3, Poland, 1 03; 4, Bulgaria, 1.59; 5, Czechoslovakia, 3:19.

SEGOVIA: Tour of Spain: 20th stage (Avila to Segovia, 183km: Spanish unless stated): 1, O Hernandez (Col), 5 10.54, 2, R Dietzen (WG), at 1mn 41sec; 3, S Lahoti (Den), 4, I Gaston; 5, P Delgado; 6, L Fignon (Fr); 7, A Arroyo; 8, A Fuente; 9, Y Madiot (Fr); 10, G van Calster (Belg), all same time.

Overall: 1, L Herrera (Col), 96:30.59; 2, R Dietzen (WG), at 1mn 04sec; 3, L Fignon (Fr), at 2:26; 4, P Delgado, at 3.54; 5, O Vargas (Col), at 4:03.

GOLF

WANSTEAD: Watney Coombs Reid classic: 135: N Brown (Mid-Herts), 69, 66; N Coles (Expotel), 71, 64. Brown won play-off at second extra hole. 137: N Burke (Chipstead), 66, 71. 138: P Mitchell (W Malling), 74, 64; K Ashdown (Ilford), 68, 70. 140: W Stephens (Southampton), 72, 68.

TABLE TENNIS

EDINBURGH: International: China bt Scotland, 6-0. Individual results (Scottish names first). D Hannah lost to C Yinghua, 19-21, 21-16, 18-21; J Broe lost to Y Guangdi, 15-21, 16-21, I McLaen lost to F Changmao, 16-21, 17-21; B Wright lost to Yinghua 9-21, 13-21; Broe lost to Changmao, 15-21, 12-21; Hannah lost to Guangdi, 14-21, 17-21.

TENNIS

LEE-ON-SOLENT: Hi-Tec Hardcourt Tennis Tournament: Men: Singles: First round (GB unless stated): M Walker bt J Vekemans (Neth), 6-1, 7-5; R Whichello bt J Goodall, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0; H Ismail (Zim) bt M Bancow, 0-2 ret; D Gilbert (Fr) bt J Southcombe, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Second round: T Theine (WG) bt J Bates, 6-4, 6-1; S Shaw bt N Borwick (Aus), 7-6, 6-4; T Boschot (Austria) bt W Queen (SA), 6-3, 6-3; J Fisette (Belg) bt S Botfield, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Women: Singles: First round: A Bjork (Swe) bt F Osawa (Japan), 6-4, 5-4; K Rickett bt M Yamada (Japan), 6-3, 6-2; I Berger (Is) bt D Parnell, 6-2, 6-3; A Tiezzi (Arg) bt S Godman, 6-3, 6-4; B Potter (Aus) bt K Hunter, 6-1, 6-2; S Dallavalle (It) bt D Levy (US), 6-4, 7-5; M Lloros (Sp) bt B Reinstadler (Austria), 7-6, 6-2; E Daly (Aus) bt J Thomsen (Ire), 7-5, 6-3; E Galphin (US) bt J Louis, 7-5, 6-0. Second round: B Jork (Swe) bt K Rickett, 6-4, 6-2; M Lundqvist (Swe) bt R Bettes (Spa) 6-4, 6-4; M Lloros (Sp) bt A Tiezzi (Arg), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; A Karlsson (Swe) bt T Wilmink (Neth), 7-5, 7-5; B Potter (Aus) bt E Daly (Aus), 6-3, 7-6.

WEST BERLIN: West German Women's Open: First round (West German unless stated): S Meier bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-1, 6-1; P Tarabini (Arg) bt G Dinu, 6-3, 6-1; A Vitagran (Arg) bt W Probst, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; D van Rensburg (SA) bt H Sieden, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; N Prows (Aus) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; J Thompson (Aus), bt C Karlsson (Swe), 6-4, 6-0; P Barg (US) bt S Mascarin (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; I Cueto bt C Tanner (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; C Porwik bt Eva Krapl (Switz), 6-4, 6-3; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt Mercedes Paz (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; R Marsikova (Cz) bt A Kanelopoulou (Gr), 6-1, 2-6, 7-5; N Dias (Braz) bt L Gobarsa (It), 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; F Bonsegnori (It) bt M Calleja, (Fr), 6-1, 7-5. Second round: L Field (Aus) w/o v. B Bunge; I Budorova (Cz) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; S Graf bt J Thompson (Aus), 6-4, 6-1; S Meier bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; C Singer bt I Cueto, 7-5, 6-1; C Kohde-Kilsch bt A Vitagran (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; R Regp (It) bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-3, 6-1, P Tarabini (Arg) bt D van Rensburg (SA), 6-1, 6-1; S Cecchini (It) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-3, 6-3; N Provis (Aus) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 7-5, 6-3; P Huber (Austria) bt M Perez-Roldan (Arg), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt P Barg (US), 6-1, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Devries (Belg), 6-4, 7-5.

EVENING RACING

Worcester

Going: firm

6.0 (2m hdle) 1. Man in The Moon (M Perrett, 10-1); 2. Dear Bob (11-10 fav); 3. Sonny Hil Lad (10-1). 12 ran. NR: Showdance, Choristers Dream. Sh hd, 4l. G Enright. Tote: £24.90, £4.40, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £19.50. CSF: £21.58.

6.30 (2m ch) 1. Yangtse-Kiang (D Tegg, 100-30 fav), 2. Tumble Jim (6-1); 3. Chelsea Island (7-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 1½l. J Bradley Tote: £5.40; £2.00, £3.20, £3.40. DF: £17.30. CSF: £22.55. Tricast: £117.63. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

7.0 (2m hdle) 1. Coral Leisure (R Guest, 5-2 fav); 2. Indian Moonshine (12-1); 3. Broche (9-1). 10 ran. NR: Sir Lucky. 3l, 1½l. G Balding Tote £3.00; £1.80, £2.20 £2.20. DF: £35.10. CSF: £28.14. Tricast: £212.64.

HOCKEY

England to leave out Canberra

By Sydney Friskin

England have withdrawn from the first indoor World Cup tournament at Canberra from March 2 to 6 because of the recent change in the date of the tenth Champions trophy tournament in Lahore from November to late March.

With a large number of England players expected to be included in the squad for the Olympic Games in Seoul next September and the Champions trophy being part of the preparation for these Games, the Hockey Association are no longer able to include the Indoor Cup in their 1988 programme.

Stephen Baines, the chief executive of the HA, said yesterday: "The decision to withdraw was made with regret, but it is unreasonable to expect our players to obtain the necessary time off work in an extremely busy programme in 1988."

The 10th Champions trophy was put forward because much of its marketing value would have been lost if it were held after the Olympic Games, but it has done the Australians little good. Out of 11 teams for Canberra, Spain, Canada and now England have withdrawn.

Scotland are almost certain to go to Canberra, but they are depending on sponsorship and support from the players who have been asked to pay part of the cost. Ireland, too, are short of funds and David Balbirnie, their secretary, has flown to Australia seeking sponsorship.

The Scottish HA, meanwhile, have recommended that Scotland participate at all levels of hockey open to them as affiliated members of the International Hockey Federation (FIH). This recommendation, which will be put before the annual general meeting on June 13, puts a damper on the proposal, initiated by England, that Great Britain should take over responsibility of playing in all international competition above European championship level — the Intercontinental and World Cups.

ATHLETICS

Coe will find no easy pickings in Seville

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

If Sebastian Coe thought he was taking part in a small, albeit classy, 3,000 metres off the beaten tracks of Europe on May 28 as a measure of his progress towards 5,000 metres, the Seville organizers had other ideas.

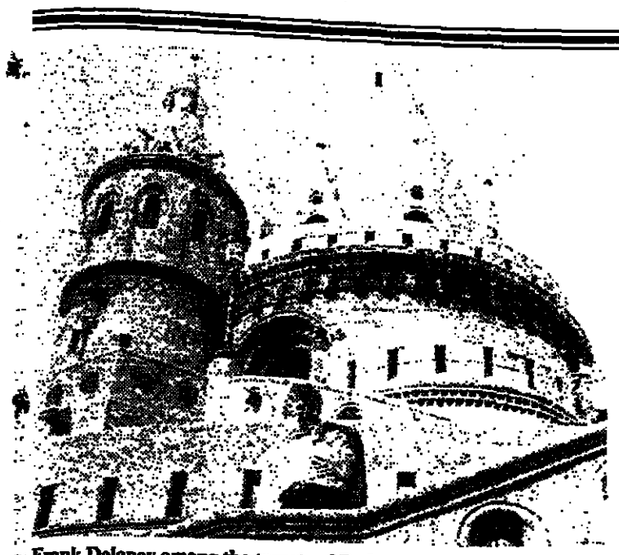
They have enlisted the participation of Marcus O' Sullivan and Frank O' Mara, gold medal winners at 1,500 and 3,000 metres respectively at the recent world indoor championships, Antonio Leitao, the Olympic 5,000 metres bronze medal winner, Julius Korir, the Olympic steeplechase champion, and Jose Abascal, Jose-Luis Gonzalez, Peter Koech, Vincent Rousseau, Pierre Deleze and Peter Wirtz, all of whom have had more experience than Coe at 3,000 metres.

Then again, none of them is a double Olympic champion, and Coe is not exactly a novice, having run, and won, at that distance sporadically since his junior days. And his recent assessment of 7min 40sec, which is over 10sec inside his personal best, with the world record belonging to Henry Rono at 7min 32.1sec, as a target should be an indication both of his serious

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Frank Delaney among the turrets of Budapest in part one of his new series The Celts (on BBC2, 8.05pm)

Filling in with pictures

● **The Celts** (BBC1, 8.05pm) has an opening that is pure television — lush location shots of the Austrian town of Hallstatt, with an idyllic lake in the foreground and the Alps towering up behind. The excuse is that in Hallstadt, 140 years ago, archeologists discovered a vast burial ground and first identified the Celts as a distinctive European people. A six-parter presented by Frank Delaney, *The Celts* reveals television's problem of how to tackle history without the staple ingedients of archive film and personal memories. The problem is compounded by the failure of the Celts to leave any written records. Picturebox locations like Hallstatt are one answer. Another, even less convincing, is dramatic reconstruction. Actors made up to look like Celts do little to illuminate the real thing. A pastiche newsreel called "Celts News" promises a touch of originality but turns out to be no more than a way of showing maps. I could almost have settled for an A.J.P.Taylor-like lecture to camera and be done with these desperate devices to find visuals for visuals' sake. There are some good marriages of word and image, notably in the examination of a 2000-year-old body turned up by a mechanical digger in Cheshire in 1984. But it is back to another fabrication, a modern war game, to illustrate the decisive battle against Julius Caesar which put paid to the idea of a Celtic nation.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE

● *Peter Davalle writes:* Tom Lerwill's dark play **One of the Beautiful Offspring** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is probably the first radio drama to tackle the phenomenon of the generation created by the hippies of the 1960s with flowers in their hair and love in their hearts. It is not, of course, inevitable that when the flowers have run to seed and love has turned sour, as they have in today's play, the hippies' offspring should all be as repellent as James Goode's teenaged *wunderkind*, busily planning his personal Armageddon in a garden shed. But, thanks to some good writing and strong performances from Goode and Carol Leader (as the boy's home tutor), the spectacular revenge theme does assume a horrible degree of inevitability and even conviction.



Carol Leader in The Afternoon Play: Radio 4, 3.00pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time National and International news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Watchdog. Consumer complaints investigated by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton **8.55** *Regional* news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day** introduced by Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with news of DHSS benefits available to *families with a mentally* handicapped relative.
10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC. 10.30 Play School**. (r)
10.50 Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup zonal game. The commentators for the 55-*overs-a-side match are Richie* Benaud and Ray Illingworth. Includes news and weather at approximately *10.55* and *12.00*
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Regional news and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** While Danny dabbles in petty crime, Douglas flirts with Helen.
1.50 Cricket. Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup zonal match.
3.00 *Dr Kildare.* A failed actor arrives at the Blair to see his dying father and Kildare becomes involved in their family feud. (r)
3.50 Lay on Five with Floella Benjamin and Robin Stevens. (r) **4.10 The Adventures of Spot,** told by Paul Nicholas **4.15 Jonny Briggs.** Episode 12. (r) **4.30 Yogi Bear.** Cartoon. (r) **4.35 Thundercats.**
5.00 Newsround with Roger Finn **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax)
5.35 Go for it! includes a discussion on tobacco sponsored sports events coverage on television between Dick Tracy the sports minister, and Bill Cotton, BBC Television's managing director.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue *Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.* Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Gary Davies.
7.30 EastEnders. Pete appears in court accused of hitting a policeman. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a demonstration of a new automatic garden sprinkler; how a buoy can generate its own light; and a sophisticated fire engine at work at Frankfurt Airport.
8.30 A Question of Sport. A Cup Final special, and Emlyn and Bill are joined by Mick Mills, Ian McLauchlan, James *Hunt, and Alan Minter.* David Coleman is the questionmaster. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with *Julia Somerville and Philip* Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Victoria Wood - As Seen on TV. Comedy sketches featuring the funny lady and her team who include Julie Walters and Patricia Routledge. (r)
10.05 Question Time from St George's Hall, Bradford. Sir *Robin Day's guests are* David Blunkett, Nicholas Ridley, and David Steel.
11.05 ScreenStory. A preview of the BBC's summer season of film stories.
11.20 The Rock Gospel Show introduced by Sheila Walsh and Alvin Stardust. The *guests include Carman,* and the London Community Gospel Choir. (r)
11.55 Weather.



Alvin Stardust: he is one of the presenters of The Rock Gospel Show (on BBC1, 11.20pm)

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Social Sciences - Sociobiology. Ends at **7.20**
9.00 Ceefax.
9.35 Daytime on Two: bodybuilding in Austria **9.52** Mindstretchers: solutions **9.57 Ceefax 10.15** Science: *machines that use levers* **10.38** History: Mao Tse-Tung's 42 year leadership of the Chinese Communist *Party* **11.00** *Thinkabout* **11.18** A-level statistics **11.40** A teenage girl leaves home **12.12** A young man joins a YTS scheme in a department store **12.45** Microelectronics.
1.05 Cricket. Further coverage (continued from BBC1) of a Benson and Hedges Cup zonal match.
1.20 Ceefax 1.45 Pinny's House, read by Matilda Thorpe. (r) **1.50 Bric a Brac.** A See-Saw programme for the very young, presented by Brian Cant. (r) **2.00 News** and weather **2.02 Watch.** The sense of *smell* **2.17 Music Time.** A musical story set in Ghana. **2.37 Ceefax 2.57 News** and weather.
3.00 Cricket. *Further coverage* of the Benson and Hedges Cup zonal match introduced by Tony Lewis. Includes news, regional news, and weather at 4.00.
7.15 Under Sail. The story of the *yacht Voluta,* built in the last year of Queen Victoria's reign, which was saved from a rotting demise in a West *Country harbour by a group of* enthusiatic businessmen who have rebuilt the craft as a yawl, chartering her out to *those who fancy a taste of life* afloat. (r)
7.35 Call My Bluff. Frank Muir is joined by Moira Stuart and Fulton Mackay; Arthur Marshall by Victoria Wood and David Gower. Robert Robinson is in the chair.
8.05 The Celts. The first of a new series of six programmes presented by Frank Delaney. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
9.00 Naked Video. Comedy sketches featuring Ron Bain, Gregor Fisher, Andy Gray, Helen Lederer, Tony Roper, Elaine C Smith, Jonathan Watson, and John Sparks. (Ceefax)
9.25 Edge of Life. This second of a series on newborn babies who, a few years ago, would not have survived a troublesome birth, focuses on one boy born 17 weeks *premature,* and another who was born one-seventh of normal birthweight. (Ceefax)
10.25 Newsnight. 11.10 Weather.
11.15 Cricket. Highlights of a Benson and Hedges Cup zonal game played today.
12.05 Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.10** Marketing the Micro. Ends at **12.40.**

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6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain *presented by Anne Diamond* and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; *sport at* **7.40**; *pop music at* **7.55**; and postbag at **8.35.** After Nine includes Claire Rayner with *viewers' reaction to last* week's feature on woman's health.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: a visit to a farm museum which is also a home **9.42** The story of *Gussy,* by Adele Geras **9.54** How 14-year old Eamonn has come to terms with his spina bifida **10.11** Windmills **10.28** The Anglican church seen through the eyes of a vicar's son **10.45** A-level biology experiments **11.03** *Episode two of the* drama, *A Game of Soldiers* **11.20** How planes are guided safely to land **11.40** What *life was like in the past* gleaned from clues found in Browsholme Hall near Clitheroe.
12.00 Creepy Crawlies. (r) **12.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series. (r) **12.30 The Sullivans.**
1.00 News at One includes interviews with David Steel at his home in Ettrick Bridge, *and with David Owen in* Plymouth. **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Falcon Crest. Maggie is *confronted by Chase over her* decision to cancel the paternity test **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Baked Fruit Cheesecake. (r) **3.00 Something to Treasure.** Antiques associated with horticulture.
3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 *Thames news* headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Orm and Cheep. Puppet series for the very young **4.10 Dennis 4.20 Inspector Gadget 4.45 The Blunders.** (r)
4.50 The Ultimate Machine. The *first of a new series exploring* how the human body works. With Christopher Beck and Jackie Spreckley. *Swing Out Sister* provide the music. (Oracle) **5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.**
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 *Help!* Viv Taylor Gee with news of two summer projects who need volunteers.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Have the rest of Jack's family given up the struggle?
7.30 Carry On Laughing. A compilation of clips from the successful Carry On series of comedy films. (r)
8.00 This Week: Stopping the City Scandals. A report on what life is like for the financial crooks of the City of *London, and the measures* the city is taking to curb their activities.
8.30 Fresh Fields. Hester has *her fortune told by Sonia.* (Oracle)
9.00 L.A. Law. American legal drama series set in the offices of a high-powered Los Angeles law firm. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Brief Lives. The third programme in the series *exploring the different* ways families come to terms with the death of a child.
11.00 Film: When Time Ran Out.. *(1980) starring Paul Newman* and Jacqueline Bisset. A group of people's lotus-living lifestyle on a paradise island is threatened when a supposedly inactive volcano comes to life. Directed by James Goldstone. Ends at **12.55.**



Michael Gough who plays Cardinal del Monte in Derek Jarman's film Caravaggio (Film on Four, Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 The Irangate Hearings. A repeat of last night's programme of highlights from the hearings in Washington.
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Duke of *York Stakes (2.35); the* Norwest Holst Trophy (3.05); the Lanson Ladies International Challenge (3.40); *and the Yorkshire Cup* (4.10)
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and *numbers game is* challenged by Roger Brusch from Halesowen. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster.
5.00 Film: Spawn of the North" (1938) starring George Raft and Henry Fonda. Drama, set in Alaska at the turn of the century, about two childhood friends who fall out as adults when they take opposite sides in a dispute between Alaskan fishermen and Russian *salmon pirates. With* Dorothy Lamour. Directed by Henry Hathaway.
7.00 Channel 4 News includes a *report from Ian Ross on* Scotland and the General Election.
7.50 Comment from Daphne Romney on *the pleasures of* football. Followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Treasure Hunt. This final programme of the series finds Sue Lewis from Wellington, and her mother, Peggy Young from Gloucestershire, sending Anneka Rice over the hills and dales of Yorkshire, beginning at the Cleveland Way on the North Yorkshire Moors. In the studio the urbane Kenneth Kendall *keeps a sense of* proportion. (Oracle)
9.00 Film on Four: Caravaggio (1986) starring Nigel Terry and Sean Bean. An award-winning film by Derek Jarman on the life of the 17th-century Italian painter, Caravaggio, who specialized in using characters from Rome *low-life* to depict sacred figures. (Oracle)
10.45 Film: Germany in August (1978) (colour and *black/white) A collective* film, made by 12 West German film-makers, as a reaction to the events which took place in the autumn of 1977 - the deaths of terrorists in Stammheim Prison, and the kidnap and murder of Hans Martin Schleyer. (English subtitles)
1.00 The Irangate Hearings.
1.15 Film: The Colour of Pomegranates (1969) The story of the life of the 18th-century Armenian poet-*musician, Sayat Nova.* Directed by Sergo Paradjanov. (English subtitles) Ends at **2.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Gardening Together **11.55-12.00** News and weather. **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **11.00-1.00pm** Conference 87 **6.35-6.55** *Reporting Scotland* **6.55-7.00** A Party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party) **11.20-11.40** Off the Course (Greg Norman) **11.40-12.15am** The Rock Gospel Show **12.15-12.20** *Weather.* **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Spon **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** The 41st All Ireland Pipe Band Championships **11.55-12.00** News and weather. **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **WALES: 11.00am-11.17** Gweld a Sarad. **SCOTLAND: 2.37pm-5.10** Conference 87 **11.15-11.20** A Party Political Broadcast (Scomsh National Party).

ANGLIA As London except:**1.20pm-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00** Anything Goes **7.30-8.00** Last Resort **10.30** Go Fishing **11.00** Brief Lives **11.30** Hammer House of Horror **12.30am** Matter of Life and Death, Closedown.

BORDER As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Scarecrow & Mrs King **3.00** Country Ways **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-6.35** Party Polmcal Broadcast **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **11.00** Meltdown **12.00** Wanted: Dead or Alive **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Contact **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Please Sir! **6.00-6.35** News **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Brief Lives **11.35** Sweeney **12.35am** UFO **1.35** Dateline Thursday **2.30** Mary **3.00** Closedown, Joblinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Ask No Questions **1.20** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** Sullivans **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Art Beat **11.00** Brief Lives **11.30** Lifestyles **11.50** Untouchables **12.40am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-6.35** Party Political Broadcast **7.05** Who's The Boss?1 **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **11.00** Party with the Rovers **11.30** Cram Tara **12.00** Jazz **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**1.20pm** Granada *Reports* **1.30-2.30** *Country Practice* **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00** Granada Reports **6.35** This Is Your Right **6.50-7.00** Crossroads **7.30-8.00** Nearest and Dearest **11.00** TJ Hooker **11.55** *Kit Curran* **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **5.15-5.45** *Whose Baby?* **6.00-6.35** News **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** West This Week **11.10** Weekend Outlook **11.15** Brief Lives **11.45** Hammer House of Horror **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**11.03pm-11.16** It's in Wales **6.00pm-6.35** Wales At Six **10.30** Wales This Week **11.05** Brief Lives **11.35-12.35am** Hammer House of Horror.

SCOTTISH As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.00** Ask No Questions **3.30-4.00** Clogg's People **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-6.35** Party Political Broadcast **7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** Crimedesk **10.40** Brief Lives **11.10** Party With the Rovers **11.40** Cram Tara **12.10am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00** Today South West **6.30** Action South West **6.35** That's My Dog **7.05-8.00** Highway to *Heaven* **11.00** Sweeney **12.00** Jazz **12.30am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Ask No Questions **1.20** News **1.30** *Country Practice* **2.00-2.30** Sullivans **3.30-4.00** Country GP **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Art Beat **11.00** Brief Lives **11.30** Lifestyles **11.50** Untouchables **12.40am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Fantasy Island **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.32** Straight Talk **11.00** Brief Lives **11.30** Mary **12.00** More Power to the Poor, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:**1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk **3.30-4.00** Bygones **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25-6.35** Police Six **7.30-8.00** Sweethearts **10.30** Counterpoint **11.05** Brief Lives **11.35** That's Hollywood **12.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.25am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** *Calendar* **7.30-8.00** The Bounder **11.00** Mike Hammer **12.00** Film: The Fury **2.15am** Jobfinder **3.15** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**11.10am** Schools **11.45** *Interval* **12.00** Film: *Little Man, What Now?'* **1.45pm** Their Lordship's House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Racing **4.35** Ffalabalam **4.50** Athro Amser **4.55** Hafoc **5.30** Making the Most Of **6.00** Brookside **6.30** 4 What It's Worth **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Pnf Bencampwriaethau **8.00** Cefn Gwlad **8.30** Dinas **9.05** Hill Street Blues **10.00** Brond **11.00** Media Show **12.00** Closedown.

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Radio 1

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News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm and then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight. **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show (from Montreux Rock Festival) **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **5.45** Bruno Brookes from Montreux **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** The Island Records Story **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 *and 2- 4.00 am As Radio 2* **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (Medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-up **8.50** am.Cricket Scoreboard **7.30** pm **4.00** am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club (Steve Wariner and The Whiter) **9.00** Hit It Boys! **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00** am Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk *6.30 Time for Verse 6.40* Farming World **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Soundtracking **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by: Look Ahead **9.45** Pleasures of Seeking **10.00** News **10.01** Mirrored in Music (until *10.30*) *11.00 News 11.09 News* About Britain 11.15 New Ideas **11.25** A Letter from England **11.30** Assignment **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Cantabile **2.00** Outlook, opening with News **2.45** Write On... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary (until 4.15) **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Here's Humph! **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours: News **8.30** Business Matters **9.00** News **9.01** *Book Choice 9.06 In the Meantime* **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Time For Verse **11.40** Farming World **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** *News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Cantabile* **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** In the Meantime **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Training for Tomorrow **2.30** Best on Record **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today (until **3.30**) **4.45** Reflections **4.50** Financial News **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours.Times in GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University.Romantic poets
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Schubert (the overture Des Teufels Lustschloss, D 84: Vienna PO), *d'Indy (Diptyque* mediterranéen, Op 87: *Monte Carlo), Bach (cantata* No 82: Hotter, bass; Sutcliffe,oboe; Geraint Jones, organ; Philharmonia). **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (contd): Berlioz (Reverie et caprice, Op 8: Augustin Dumay, violin, with *Monte Carlo PO), Arensky* (Trio in D minor Op 32: Nash Ensemble), Prokofiev (Dreams Op 6: Amsterdam Concertgebouw). **9.00** World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composers: Soler and Arriaga. Soler (Concerto No 1 in C: Power-Biggs, organ; Pinkah, organ). Arriaga (String Quartet No 3: Rasoumovsky Quartet. And Grand aria Erminia, with Angela Denning, soprano)
9.55 *Water Spirits:* Schubert (Der Fischer: Seefried, soprano and Klien, piano). Debussy (Ondine, Preludes Book 2 No 8: Walter Gieseking, piano). Zemlinsky (the ballet Die Seejungfrau: North German Radio SO)
10.45 Piano Quartets: Cummings String Trio with John McCabe (piano). Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor, K 478). Walton (Piano Quartet, revised version)
11.45 *Six Continents:* foreign radio broadcasts
12.05 Beethoven: BBC Philharmonic under Gunther Herbig. Symphony No 3.
1.00 News
1.05 Bristol Concert: Ko Iwasaki (cello), and Shuka Iwasaki (piano). Beethoven (Variations on See the conqu'ring hero come), Strauss (Sonata in F, Op 6), Brahms (Scherzo , F.A.E. Sonata. Arranged by Watson Forbes)
2.00 *BBC Welsh SO under Guido* Ajmone-Marsan. With Christian Zacharias (piano). Rossini (Semiramide *overture), Schumann (Piano* Concerto),Dvorak (Symphony No 8). Interval reading at **2.50**
3.35 Peter Lawson: piano recital. Scriabin (Sonata No 9, Op 68: Black Mass). Prokofiev (Sonata No 6)
4.15 London Bach Society: Steinitz Bach Players. John *Constable* (organ and harpsichord), and soloists Elizabeth Lane, Paul Esswood, Kenneth Bowen and *Peter Savidge.* Christopher Brown (cantata, The Vision of Saul), Bach (cantata No 154)
5.00 *World Service News*
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music.
6.25 Bandstand: winners of the 1987 *European Brass Band* Championships at the Royal Hall, Nottingham. **6.55** News
7.00 Barnes's People: Alan Howard, Gerard Murphy and Norman Rodway in Peter Barnes's short play The Perfect Pair (r)
7.25 David and Igor Oistrakh: Bach's Double Concerto in D minor, BWV 1045. With Royal Philharmonic
7.45 Fischer-Dieskau at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The baritone (with Hartmut Holl, piano) sings Wolf's Morike Lieder. Part one.
8.20 Actions and Reactions: Patric Dickinson's compilation of verse *inspired by the title of a* Kipling story collection
8.40 Fischer-Dieskau recital: part two. More Morike Lieder by Wolf – Im Fruhling; *Auf* einer Wanderung; An die Geliebte; Peregrina I; Peregrina II; Begegnung; *Der Jager; Bei einer* Trauung; Zur Warnung; Abschied
9.35 The Economics of *Excellence: Christopher Ball* talks to A H Halsey, Professor of Social and Administrative Studies at *Oxford University.* Also taking part: Lord Annan, and Tom Blundell, Professor of Crystallography at London University
10.20 Music in our Time: Roger Heaton (clarinet), Victoria Soames (clarinet), Julian Jacobson (piano). Works by Jonathan Harvey,Walter Zimmermann, Giacinta Scelsi, and Chris Dench
11.25 Monteverdi and Stravinsky at St Mark's Venice: *Tavemer Consort and* Players perform Monteverdi's Beatus vir I, and Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, with Philip Jones Brass Ensemble perform Stravinsky's Canticum sacrum
11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stero on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, Incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** *News* **6.45** *Business news* **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News **9.05** Solomon *Grundy. Phil Smith explores* life from the cradle to grave in the milltowns of north-east Lancashire (r)
9.30 The Radio Programme. Laurie Taylor presents the addict's guide to good listening. The guest listener-reviewer is Tony Benn. He will comment on, inter alia, the play The Night they Stole the FA CUP
10.00 News: Rebels (1): Al Capone. Written and presented by Hugh Sykes (r)
10.30 Morning Story. Point to Point by Alastair Dunnett. The reader is Tom Criddle
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News: Travel; Analysis (new series) General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, in conversation with Ian Davidson (r)
11.48 *Obsessions. Marjorie* Lofthouse talks to Anne Barrowclough, a journalist who is enthusiastic about *exercise*
12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer magazine with John Howard
12.27 *Frank Muir Goes Into ...* Despair. Frank Muir and Alfred Marks skip through comic literature on the *subject (r) (s).* **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One. News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; *Woman's Hour with* Sue MacGregor. Today's edition includes Andrea Adams's investigation into the growing trend of throwing house parties at which friends buy things. Also, episode six of With O'Leary in the Grave, read by Joseph O'Conor.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. *One of the Beautiful* Offspring by Tom Lerwill. The story of a teenaged scientific genius who is banned from school. With James Goode as the boy. Also starring Carol Leader (see Choice)(s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf. With Susan Hill
4.35 Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last night's edition which included comment on Angela *Carter's Love and* Fireworks, the new film That's Life, and the new production of Titus Andronicus at the RSC Swan, Stratford-upon-Avon
5.00 PM.News magazine **5.50-5.55** Shipping, **5.55** *Weather and Travel*
6.00 News; Financial report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1987. First round: South. With John Montgomery, Brian Evans, Ann Ellis and David Camidge as contestants (r) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Listeners' responses to last week's Any Questions?
7.40 *Pillars of Society.* The power and influence of Britain's leading institutions (4) The Co-op. With *Geoffrey Goodman*
8.25 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Dr Anthony Clair talks to *Vladimir Ashkenazy, pianist and conductor*
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? For disabled listeners and their families
9.30 *Phil Smith delves into the* BBC.sound archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Tonight's edition includes comment *on the Cannes Film Festival,* The Celts on BBC2, and 11 Josephine House at the Riverside Studios.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. A Cure for Serpents by the Duke of Piraino (4). The reader is Julian Glover **10.29** *Weather*
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 *News; Weather* **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **9.05-10.45** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **9.06** Together **9.30** Secondary English **9.55** First Steps in Drama **10.15** Something to think about **10.25** Country Dancing **11.00-12.00 11.00** Noticeboard **11.05** *In The News* **11.30** Wavelength **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** The Song Tree **2.20** *Living Language* **2.40** *Make Up* Your Mind **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University **11.30** Education: Getting Political **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting

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World Cup fear as dispute brews over date

By Andrew Longmore

With only six months to go before the start of cricket's World Cup in India and Pakistan, there is still a dispute within the International Cricket Conference about the date of the special meeting which could decide the fate of the tournament.

If the Australians get their way then the meeting, which has already been postponed once, will be put back to the ICC's annual meeting at Lord's in August, only a matter of weeks before the start of the World Cup in early October. The postponement could lessen the possibility of any disruption, but Indian officials are anxious that there should be no further delay.

"A postponement is out of the question," Mr N.K.P.Salve, the chairman of the World Cup Organising Committee, said yesterday. "We want the situation cleared up before the ICC annual meeting.

The key issue at that meeting is a resolution put forward by the West Indies and Zimbabwe that from a certain future date all players who play or coach in South Africa should be banned from international cricket.

"We want to get the participation of all the eight countries in the World Cup and one of the solutions to the current problems lies in the West Indies resolution. If the ICC were to pass that resolution, cricket would then have

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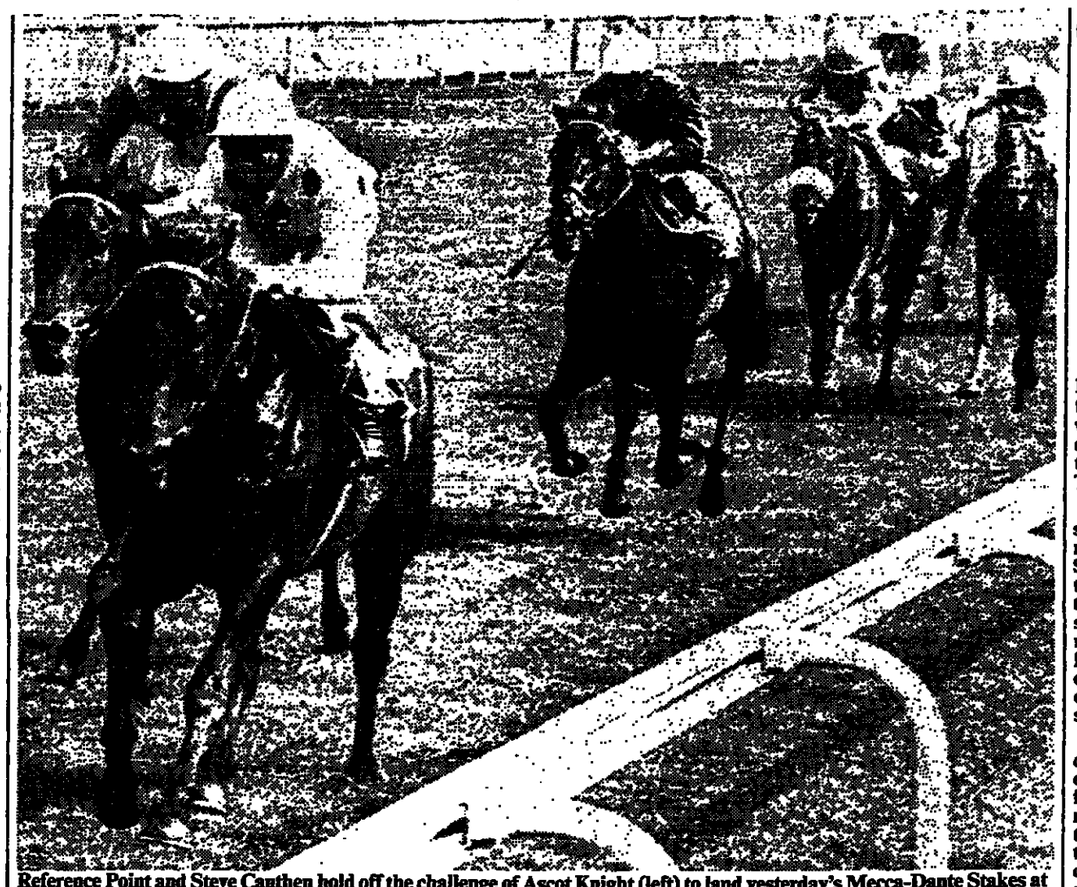
a uniform policy and the World Cup could go ahead."

Mr Salve was speaking the day after the Asian Cricket Conference, which includes India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, had decided unanimously to back the West Indian resolution. He said that the conference had discusssed the "basic principles of the West Indies resolution", but had not talked about any individual players who might be affected by it.

"This is not just about two or three players, but the whole welfare of the ICC", he said. Mr. Salve also confirmed that any cut-off date beyond which any players going to South Africa would be subject to an automatic ban would only be prospective and not retrospective.

Mr. Salve and Mr. Safdar Butt, the head of the Pakistan Cricket Board, will be travelling to Australia in early June to try to persuade the ACB to accept the resolution, but they are unlikely to meet with much success.

Malcolm Gray, the chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, who had talks with ICC chairman Colin Cowdrey in Hong Kong earlier this week, said yesterday that his country wanted the ICC special meeting to be cancelled altogether. Gray is concerned that the issues involved in the West Indian resolution are being mixed up with moves against players with South African connections.



Reference Point and Steve Cauthen hold off the challenge of Ascot Knight (left) to land yesterday's Mecca-Dante Stakes at York with something to spare. The winner is now 7-4 favourite for the Derby. Michael Seely's report, page 38

D'Oliveira gives Yorkshire a fright

By Richard Streeton

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by 12 runs.

Defiant batting by Damian D'Oliveira narrowly failed to take Worcestershire to a dramatic win yesterday when this exciting Benson and Hedges Cup game was completed. D'Oliveira was ably supported by the last three Worcestershire tailenders as 74 runs were added and the suspense maintained to the end.

This was Yorkshire's third group win and made certain of a place for them in the quarter-final round. They have also won both matches they have played in the county championship and Sunday league. Not since 1920, when six county games and a fixture against Cambridge University were won, have Yorkshire started a summer with seven successive victories.

Carrick gambled on his main bowlers breaking through when Worcestershire resumed at 46 for five, still needing 98 from 38 overs. When the plan seemed to have misfired, Carrick kept his head, not least as D'Oliveira and Pridgeon put on 36 in 15 overs for the last wicket, the best stand of the innings.

All went well for Yorkshire at first. Rhodes was soon out caught behind and when Newport was thrown out by Blakey at short leg, Worcestershire were 57 for seven. Newport slightly over-balanced as he played forward. D'Oliveira and Radford then added 29 before Radford gave Bairstow a catch.

Radford tried to drive one of the few balls yesterday to bounce higher than expected. Generally, the pitch behaved better than it had done on Tuesday. It was never an ideal wicket for a one-day match but the umpires confirmed there was no question that they would be reporting it as "unfit".

With only four specialist seamers on hand, Carrick turned to Neil Hartley as D'Oliveira was joined by Dilley. Hartley responded by having Dilley caught at slip

Yorkshire's jubilation, however, turned to anxiety as the tense last-wicket stand unfolded. D'Oliveira took few liberties but he did straight drive Neil Hartley for four and six from consecutive balls. Pridgeon contributed four singles and dour defence before Fletcher returned and trapped D'Oliveira leg-before.

YORKSHIRE 143 (53.4 overs; K Sharp 64 not out)

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis b Jarvis	14
M J Weston lbw b Sidebottom	0
G A Hick c Blakey b Sidebottom	2
*P A Neale c Bairstow b Sidebottom	4
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Fletcher	59
I T Botham lbw b Sidebottom	2
†S J Rhodes c Bairstow b P J Hartley	13
P J Newport run out	1
N V Radford c Bairstow b Fletcher	9
G R Dilley c Moxon b S N Hartley	4
A P Pridgeon not out	4
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 6)	19
Total (50.1 overs)	131

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-19, 3-23, 4-23, 5-27, 6-56,7-57, 8-86, 9-95.

BOWLING: Jarvis 11-4-25-1: Sidebottom 11-5-15-4: P J Hartley 11-2-28-1; Fletcher 9.1-2-21-2; Carrick 3-0-5-0; S N Hartley 5-0-25-1.

Gold award: A Sidebottom.

Umpires: R Julian and D Lloyd.

Gower has Benjamin to thank

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (2pts) bt Nottinghamshire by eight wickets.

There was no recovery for Nottinghamshire yesterday from their batting collapse of the day before. Resuming at 62 for six, they were bowled out for 74, a total which Leicestershire passed in 18 overs for the loss of only Butcher and Potter. Mercifully the rain stayed away, at least until 12.45 when it was all over.

In what is a mainly Midlands Benson and Hedges Cup group, with no sitting duck among the sides, Nottinghamshire will need to beat Northamptonshire today if they are to have a chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals. Leicestershire, too, will be in trouble if they lose to Derbyshire, which they will be a lot less likely to do if Gower plays as nonchalantly well as he did yesterday.

Coming in when Butcher had been bowled by Pick in the sixth over of Leicestershire's innings, Gower timed the ball a thousand times better than anyone else in the match. His first ball he flicked to leg for four; his second was within a whisker of bowling him round his legs; his third he stroked through the covers. After that, Leicestershire had only the weather to beat.

Potter's was a useful innings too. Once he had worked out what could be safely left outside his off stump, he held his own against Hadlee, the one bowler who gave Nottinghamshire any reason to think they could win. It might be necessary to go back a long way to find a match in which Hadlee failed to score or to take a wicket. Even so, he looks lean, fit and fast when he feels like it, and the rhythm is still there.

Benjamin finished with five for 26 from his 10 overs and had nothing to fear, even from Gower, when it came to the Gold Award. They will be hoping for some pace in the pitches at Grace Road this year. With Agnew, DeFreitas, Taylor and Benjamin, Leicestershire's fast attack is as good as they have ever had. Agnew bowled a lively opening spell on Tuesday; DeFreitas had a winter of improvement; and Taylor's 3.4 overs yesterday brought him three wickets for five runs.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M Newell lbw b Taylor	27
R T Robinson b Willey	18
D W Randall lbw b Willey	0
*C E B Rice c Whitcase b Benjamin	0
P Johnson c Whitcase b Benjamin	0
R J Hadlee lbw b Benjamin	0
†B N French lbw b Benjamin	0
E E Hemmings lbw b Taylor	10
R A Pick b Taylor	4
K Saxelby b Benjamin	1
K E Cooper not out	4
Extras (lb 2, w 7, nb 1)	10
Total (32.4 overs)	74

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-43, 3-48, 4-46, 5-46, 6-46, 7-63, 8-65, 9-70.

BOWLING: Agnew 6-1-17-0; DeFreitas 6-3-9-0; Willey 7-1-15-2; Benjamin 10-1-26-5; Taylor 3.4-1-5-3.

LEICESTERSHIRE

L Potter c Hemmings b Saxelby	21
I P Butcher b Pick	4
D I Gower not out	38
*P Willey not out	12
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (2 wkts, 18 overs)	76

J J Whitaker, T J Boon, P A J DeFreitas, W K R Benjamin, †P Whitcase, J P Agnew and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-50.

BOWLING: Hadlee 5-2-6-0; Pick 6-0-38-1; Cooper 1-0-4-0; Hemmings 3-0-17-0. Saxelby 3-0-13-1.

Gold award: W K R Benjamin.

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight.

Ticket demand

England's Texaco Trophy one-day international against Pakistan at Trent Bridge on May 23 is nearly sold out. Only 700 of the 14,000 tickets were still available yesterday.

Gesture made to Thomas as others vie for place

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Danny Thomas, whose career is threatened by a serious injury, is to become Tottenham Hotspur's inspiration during the FA Cup final. At Wembley on Saturday he will be honoured by being invited to take a prominent place on the substitutes' bench and, unusually for a player, perhaps even on the front row.

It is a touching gesture to the popular right back whose knee ligaments were snapped by an appalling tackle by Gary McGuire two months ago. As he lay in hospital a week later, he watched Hoddle and Woddle, the scorers in the televized quarter-final victory over Wimbledon, dedicate their goals to him.

Now the club is not only to pay tribute to his courage but has also offered him a new contract, even though his future remains in doubt. "That was the right thing to do," David Pleat, Tottenham's manager, said yesterday. "We will see how he goes but he has been tremendously resilient.

"We sent him on holiday to Marbella for a while to improve his suntan. He had shown that fears about his defensive qualities were unfounded and it is a shame that he can not take an active role, particularly as he was at Coventry as a youngster."

The absence of Danny Thomas has caused the only vacancy in an otherwise regular line-up. Pleat will reveal today whether he prefers the speed and attacking influence of Hughton or the aerial power and defensive security of Stevens. The odds would seem to lie, albeit narrowly, in favour of Hughton.

Pleat recalled that Galvin filled the position at Highfield Road in December. "He had dropped back to cover for the injured Mitchell Thomas at West Ham the previous day and we won 4-0. But our defensive display during the 4-3 defeat at Coventry was possibly our worst of the season."

Hughton, after recovering from a cartilage operation, has worn the No. 2 shirt on seven occasions recently, including the semi-final triumph over Watford. He himself feels that he has "done enough" to be given the opportunity to gain a third winner's medal.

Stevens has also returned to full fitness by taking part in five fixtures within a fortnight. But Pleat suggested that he may be tempted to keep one of his most versatile representatives in reserve. "That is his handicap," he said.

Pleat, who has asked Ardiles to stay at Tottenham for another year, dismissed speculation concerning the possible movement of other foreigners. He stated that Claesen, who "needs more time to adjust" is no more likely about to leave White Hart Lane than Maradona is about to arrive there.

"I believe Maradona is coming to England on Tuesday and I hope to meet him. He is a great player but financial requirements can sometimes be insurmountable."

UEFA ban loss totals £2.5m

The ban from European club competitions is costing English football over £2.5 million a season. This figure is the gate receipts banked by the seven English clubs who last competed in Europe before the imposition of the indefinite UEFA ban, following the Heysel Stadium tragedy.

Liverpool, beaten in that ill-fated 1985 European Cup final, and Everton, who won the European Cup Winners' Cup, made a combined total of £1.23 million from their respective Cup runs.

After adding the receipts earned by England's other European representatives in the 1984-85 season, Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United, Queen's Park Rangers, Nottingham Forest and Southampton, the figure rises to the £2.5 million mark.

The figures are revealed in the *Digest of Football Statistics*, the second edition of a report produced by the Football Trust, designed to provide a comprehensive illustration of patterns and trends

The report also reveals the financial impact of the delay between the League and the television companies in reaching agreement until the second half of the season. It resulted in lost broadcasting fees of nearly £2 million.

The *Digest* reviews the 1985-86 season in depth, covering other subjects such as attendances, transfer fees, players' salaries and the cost of police control at matches.

Attendances at Football League matches fell for the sixth consecutive year to 16.5 million, a drop of 8 per cent on the previous season, but attendances in Scotland were up by 13 per cent.

Club may be left homeless

By John Goodbody

Brighton Rugby Club is in limbo, with its ground scheduled to be demolished next year and with no future home assured.

The club, now in its 118th season, has been caught between the Department of Transport's plans for the Brighton by-pass, which will go through its present ground as part of the Folkestone to Honiton Trunk Road, and Brighton Borough Council's failure to say where the club will play from 1988-89.

Pat Ward-Lee, President of Brighton, said yesterday: "Negotiations have been going on for eight years and it is the uncertainty which is getting us down.

"We hope to get a former Council rubbish dump but the Council will not commit itself. It could be suitable. It is handy and has easy access to the M23. But any new pitch needs two to three years to settle down and we are expecting the bulldozers on our present ground next spring."

Brighton, which has produced one international, Charlie McDonald, of Scotland, and many Sussex County players, currently fields five adult teams and three junior sides and will get compensation from the government for losing its club house. It rents the ground from the Council.

In 1989, the club is scheduled to run an international tournament including teams from Brighton, New Zealand, Brighton, Canada and Brighton, Australia.

Alan Smith, of the Council's Park and Recreation Department, said, "The matter is under consideration and we expect to give the final details in the next few weeks.

SPORT IN BRIEF

New faces in squad

Great Britain have named four new caps to take part in the Grenzlandspringen junior diving meeting in Aachen, West Germany, from May 29 to 31. The new faces are the springboard competitors, Olivia Clarke (Cheltenham), Tracey Miles (Barnet Copthall) and Stephen Forrest (Edinburgh), and Darren Palmer (Southend) on the highboard.

The other two team members are Simon Jackson (Sheffield) and Tara Dart (Merton) on the springboard and highboard respectively.

Referee leaves

Clive Thomas, the former World Cup football referee, who joined the board of directors of Barry Town, the Welsh League champions for the past four years, has left less than a year after joining.



Bryant: Masters target

Growing pain

Tony Ali, runner up last year in the British men's highboard diving final is barred from competing in this summer's European junior championships because being only 13 years of age he is considered too young. European rules insist he must be a year older before becoming eligible for their title events.

Title chasing

David Bryant, attempting to win his seventh Gateway Masters bowls title at Worthing's Beach House Park from May 29 to 31, faces Stephen Rees, the Welsh international in the opening round.

Frazier bout

Richard Frazier, aged 22, the nephew of the former world heavyweight champion, "Smokin' Joe" Frazier, will compete in the light-heavyweight division at the fiftiethanniversary of the Metropolitan Police international boxing championships at the London West hotel tomorrow night.

Shorter to run

Munich (Reuter) — Frank Shorter of the United States, the 1972 Olympic marathon champion, returns to the scene of his triumph on Sunday when he takes part in the Munich Olympia-City marathon.

Domestic sponsors for Tour de France

By Peter Bryan

Twenty years on from the sad Tour de France of 1967, when Tom Simpson collapsed on the 8,000ft climb of Mont Ventoux, mumbled, "put me back on my bike", collapsed again and later died, there is a strong likelihood that a British sponsored team will ride this year's marathon.

The race organizers, the French daily sports newspaper *L'Equipe*, closed entries yesterday for the 2,500 miles race, which starts in West Berlin on July 1, and confirmed that a £33,000 "entry bond" had been received from this year's top British squad, ANC-Halfords.

Twenty-five teams want to ride the tour but it is likely that the organizers will limit the field to 20 nine-man squads. Final selections are promised before the end of this month.

In the Isle of Man, Mr Tony Capper, the team's founder two years ago and now its director, told me: "We have applied for this year's tour and lodged our bond with the organizers. That sum is an entry fee, but will also cover our nine riders and nine support staff for hotels, food and transport from day one to the finish in Paris on July 26.

"If our entry is rejected then of course we will get a partial refund of the fee", he added.

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Capper estimated that his team's build up this year for the tour, which has included many overseas events, will have cost in the region of £600,000.

ANC-Halfords grabbed foreign attention in last month's Amstel Gold classic, in Holland, when Malcolm Elliott took third place against a concerted — and admitted — Dutch attempt to give a home rider victory.

In the Dunkirk six-day event which finished this week, the Sheffield professional took a fifth and a seventh place, and now leads his team in the Milk Race starting from Newcastle upon Tyne on Sunday. Elliott holds the record number of stage wins in the Milk Race with twelve successes to his credit.

Capper says that it will be an embarrassing task to decide whom to leave out of the Tour de France nominations: "Of the nine we may include three non-Brits. We have a New Zealander, a dissident Czech and a Frenchman who all merit consideration".

He is confident that his strongest card, Joey McLoughlin, the Liverpudlian winner of last year's Milk Race, who is not well enough to defend his title this weekend, will be 100 per cent fit if required for the French marathon.

"I'm confident", he added, "that we will put up a credible performance if we are accepted for the French race."

Herrera leads

Omar Hernandez won the mountainous 115-mile twentieth stage of the Tour of Spain cycle race from Avila to Segovia in five hours 10 minutes 54 seconds yesterday. Raimund Dietzen, of West Germany, was second, 1min 48sec behind. Colombian Luis Herrera kept the overall lead, two stages from the end of the 2,450-mile race.

END COLUMN

Toilet paper tigers at large

By Alan Chalfont

Is it too much to expect that the governing bodies of sport will make some attempt, however despairing, to hold back the relentless advance of the Toilet-Paper Tendency?

At the end of the Middlesex seven-a-side rugby tournament at Twickenham last Saturday an announcement on the public address system thanked the spectators in fulsome terms for being "such a marvellous crowd." It was, in fact, the worst crowd I have encountered in almost half a century as a Twickenham spectator.

It brought to the headquarters of rugby union some of the nastiest features of football's yobbish following — mindless chanting, racist taunts and the indiscriminate throwing of lavatory rolls, seat cushions and plastic beer glasses.

Furthermore, as soon as the crowd realized that they were "live" on television, we had to endure that most boring manifestation of collective exhibitionism, the "Mexican Wave", a performance dutifully recorded by the television cameras, often to the exclusion of what was happening on the field of play.

At the end of the final round there was the ritual invasion of the pitch, accompanied by the monotonous rendering of football's dreary signature tune, "'Ere we go, 'ere we go."

To escape from all this, it was necessary to pick one's way with great care through stands and car parks which by now closely resembled a municipal rubbish dump.

This followed the fiasco of the John Player Special Cup final at Twickenham a week



earlier when a crowd of the Bath club's so-called supporters invaded the pitch before the end of the match, causing it to be abandoned when, theoretically, there was still time for the score to be substantially changed.

It may be difficult for the rugby authorities to keep out these fugitives from Stamford Bridge and White Hart Lane. They should, however, take steps to keep them under control; and certainly resist the temptation to thank them obsequiously for gracing Twickenham with their presence.

The Middlesex Sevens has traditionally been a family picnic day for people who enjoy rugby played for fun in pleasantly sociable surroundings.

It is rapidly becoming, like Lord's cricket ground and the Centre Court at Wimbledon, a parade ground for the most ugly, strident and ill-mannered elements of our increasingly boorish society.

Some of the problem arises from the impact of the television camera. It is noticeable that at sporting events not covered by television crowd behaviour tends to be less extrovert, except, of course, at football matches.

It is still possible to sit in peace at Lord's for a comparatively obscure county game; and at the Wimbledon fortnight it is only on the so-called "show courts" that the most raucous excesses occur.

The behaviour of players is, of course, not without its effect. The deterioration in crowd behaviour has, to a large extent, coincided with the rise of a generation of tennis players who abuse officials, cricket players who kick over stumps and rugby players who compensate for their lack of basic skills by inflicting grievous bodily harm on their opponents, if possible when the attention of the referee is engaged elsewhere.

It was once possible for a whole family to enjoy lunch together in the West Stand car park at Twickenham, a day in the Warner Stand at Lord's or an afternoon at the Centre Court of Wimbledon. Unless the sports authorities take some urgent action, those days will soon have gone.

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